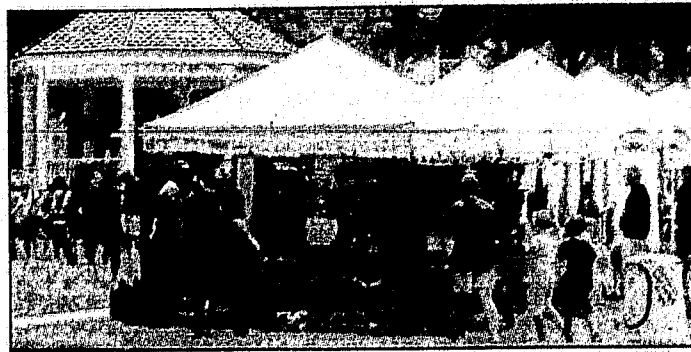




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IFW floats idea of boat access at Johnny's Bridge

BY ALISON ALOISIO

A query from the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife about improving – or removing – Johnny's Bridge in Greenwood and providing boat access to North Pond met with resistance from selectmen last week.

But they agreed to try to meet with Francis Brautigam of IF&W, who wrote them a letter raising the question.

Johnny's Bridge Road provides a shortcut from Route 26 to the Gore Road. The bridge is in poor condition and what to do about it has been the subject of discussion in Greenwood in recent years.

Brautigam, the regional fishery biologist, has been discussing options

for public boat access to North Pond with Woodstock selectmen since a private boat ramp that allowed public use closed last year. That left only a boat ramp on Route 26, which the Maine Department of Transportation wants closed because of traffic safety issues. Should it be closed with no other public alternatives, not only would boat access be lost for the public and for some property owners with larger boats on the pond, but IF&W would have to stop stocking the pond with fish, according to state officials.

Letter

In a July 11 letter to the Greenwood board, Brautigam said the state does not stock ponds where there is

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Neighbor pleads case for couple on property cleanup

BY ALISON ALOISIO

A plea to Greenwood last week from taxpayer Matt Bevin on behalf of Doug and Bertha Grover to give them more time to clean up their property did not move selectmen, who cited 11 years of trying to get the couple to comply with state law.

By law their property on Rowe Hill Road is an uncultivated junkyard, town officials have said.

Code Enforcement Officer Joelle Corey-Whitman became involved in the case in recent years after a complaint from neighbors, according to Town Manager Kim Sparks. Despite repeated letters and court orders, not enough material

was removed or a structure provided to house it to comply, according to the town officials.

Last winter the town fined the Grovers \$10,000 for the violations and billed them \$7,500 for enforcement and legal costs, but those have not been paid, Sparks said. A court order also gave the Grovers until July 1 to remove the material, or risk the town hiring a contractor to do it and charging the couple for the cost, town officials said.

But Corey-Whitman said at last week's selectmen's meeting that while some areas of the property had been cleaned and items moved, the effort was still

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Woodstock selectmen approve purchase of recycling compactor

BY KEN BRIGGS,
SPECIAL TO THE CITIZEN

Following a recent decision of the G&W Transfer Station Committee to pursue single stream recycling at the Woodstock-Greenwood facility, Woodstock selectmen Tuesday voted to purchase a 45-yard bulk compactor for compacting recyclables.

The cost is not to exceed \$24,050 and is expected to be in place by Nov. 1. Greenwood selectmen must also approve the move.

Also on Tuesday the Woodstock board met with several members of the Union Church Committee and heard their thoughts on what to do with the unused town-owned church building in South Woodstock.

The members emphasized that theirs was not a quick decision and said they would like the town to keep the property, but look for an organization to remove

the building. The costs of renovation or bringing the 1858 structure up to code are unknown, but expected to be high.

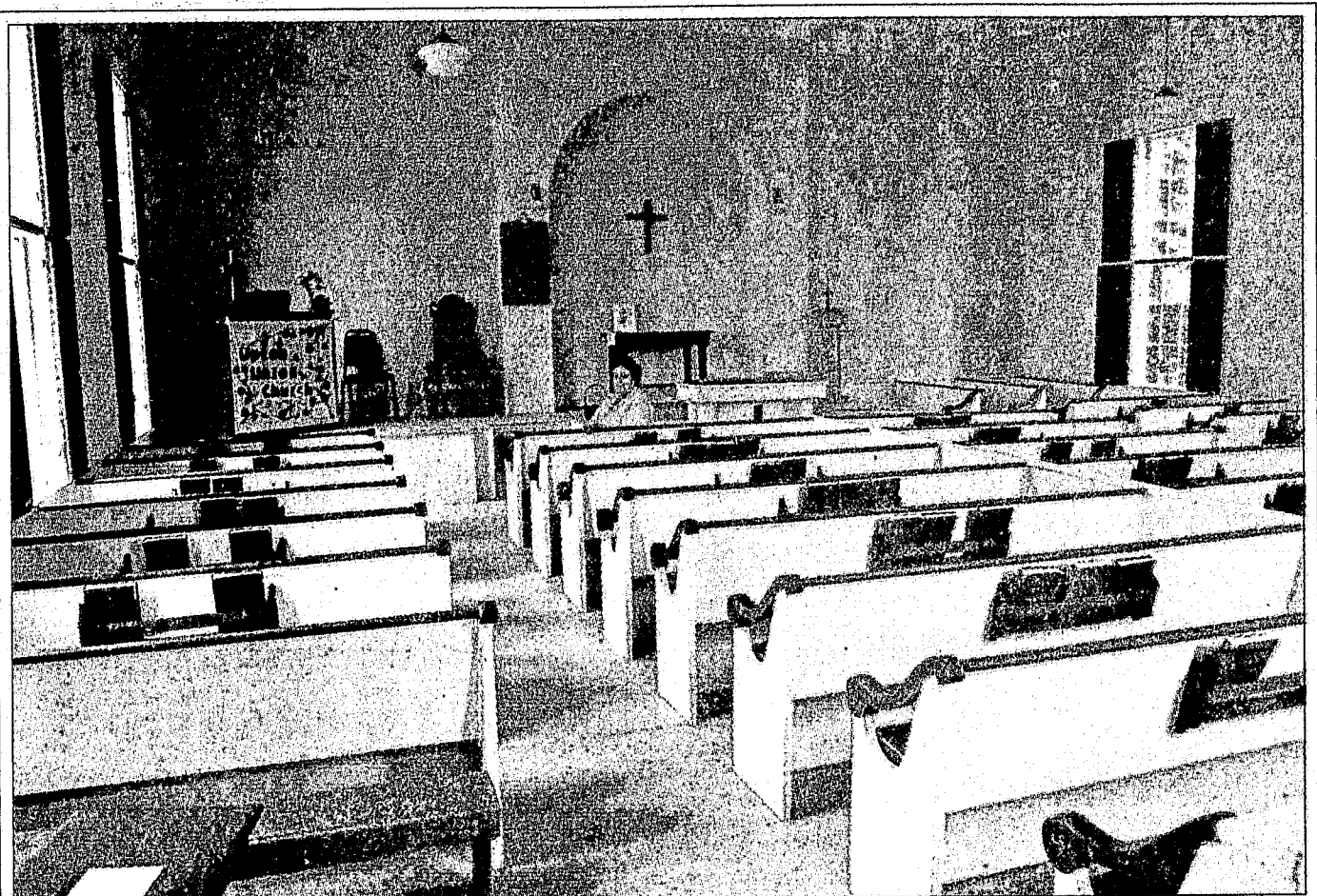
There will be several articles concerning the church at Town Meeting in March. No action will be taken until then.

It was announced there will be a Household Hazardous Waste collection day at the Norway Paris Solid Waste facility on Aug. 9. Woodstock residents are invited to utilize this service. Hours are from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Materials to be accepted include household cleaners, thermometers and thermostats, cutting oil, auto and marine paint, battery acid and other common hazardous waste. No latex paint will be accepted.

Although nobody attended, there was a hearing on General Assistance. A motion was passed whereby

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The Rev. Jane Rich sits in one of the front pews at the Upton Union Church. The "Friends of the Upton Union Church" group is seeking donations to replace the windows, which no longer open. A. Aloisio

Revived 1874 Upton church seeks help to replace windows

BY ALISON ALOISIO

The Union Church in Upton, closed in 1980, was brought back to life three years ago. Since then, parishioners and other community members have been pitching in to give it a facelift, and now they are hoping other people who might have a past connection to the church or the town will help out with the next phase.

The old church was built in 1874, when Upton was a thriving logging community. Its pews can hold up to 150 people.

But as the logging indus-

try faded through the 20th century, families moved away and the congregation - as well as available clergy - dwindled. In the early 1970s a fundraising effort allowed the small congregation to do some renovations on the building, but the church eventually closed in 1980.

Still, it remained on the membership rolls of the Oxford-Union Association of the Maine Conference of the United Church of Christ.

The Rev. Jane Rich, minister of the Andover Congregational Church, remembers going to that or-

ganization's annual meetings, and hearing only silence when the Upton name was called.

She thought it was too bad.

Then in 2011 she got a call from Upton resident Deborah Judkins, who asked about using the Andover Church for a meeting.

"I said I had been thinking about for a long time since I had done a wedding [at the Upton Church] 15 years ago, and thought it was too bad there wasn't at least a church in the summer, since that's when the

population of Upton increases as people come to camps around Umbagog," said Rich. "She said she'd love to see it revived."

Rich made an offer: "I said I would come Sunday evenings in the summer at 5 p.m. It just took off from there."

So the church was rededicated at the town's annual Upton Fun Day in 2011 and Rich has kept her promise, preaching each summer from mid-May to mid-October. Anywhere from three to 20 people attended, she said.

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YOUNG CYCLIST COMPLETES 80-MILER-Tristan Lilly, the youngest rider in the Western Maine Velo riding group of Bethel at 12 years old, rode in the recent Prouty 80 miles. Submitted photo

Hours likely to be cut at Hanover Post Office

BY ALISON ALOISIO

The Hanover Post Office faces a likely reduction in office hours following a presentation by a U.S. Postal Service official last week.

The USPS has been scaling back rural Post Office hours across the country as competition from the Internet has reduced its business.

Jim Thornton, postmas-

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Letters

TELSTAR FRESHMAN DAY SCHOOL

To the Editor:

Where in the heck are the heads of the SAD 44 School board? Where are their concerns for the taxpayers of this district?

I am so upset that the school board would approve of such a plan to send the Freshman Class to the Bryant Pond Conservation School! Where were their heads on this? Why wasn't there a public hearing on this for all taxpayers? After all, all taxpayers are footing this bill. Superintendent Murphy says it's just under \$200,000. We know that isn't true because it will always be more in the end.

With the rising price of gas/diesel, how can you realistically calculate how many times you're going to have to run back and forth to Telstar shuttling kids? Who is paying for heating the conservation school? What about lunches? Will they be made at Telstar and shuttled down their or will they be cooking them there? Is there going to be a school nurse there all the time for emergencies? Who's going to pay to keep up with snow removal in the winter? Is the district going to plow or is U of Maine doing this? What is happening to all the classroom space that now gets freed up at the school? What about the kids that might want to (in between classes) head into the school gym to kill some time? What about those kids who have to be brought back to Telstar because they have an away sports game they have to leave for? Where is a parent supposed to pick up their child if they have to have them leave early, Telstar or Bryant Pond? And if Bryant Pond, is the district going to fill the parent's gas tank to go the extra distance to get them? What kind of credits is a freshman going to be earning for graduation? Who is going to police both students and any other personnel who will be entering the area?

This is just a feel good thing supporting the University system and keeping the Conservation school open and I can't believe the school board didn't put any more thought into this than what I read in the paper. They're no different than Congress. Let's just do this without telling anyone about it first. Oh, and just because the Dept. of Education and the University of Maine (two largely taxpayer and government funded entities) think this is a great program we should do it. Don't forget Apple Computer's part in this. Apple is the only thing the school uses and how will they use their computers there? No doubt taxpayer money will have to fund the installation of a server of some sort? There might be grant money out there? Where does grant money come from? It comes from the back pocket to the front pocket, the bulk of it taxpayer funded. That's okay because it's everybody else footing the bill. No wonder Andover and Newry want to withdraw and if they do, this \$200,000 in taxpayer money to the surrounding towns ends up being more like \$600,000 when they aren't participating. I realize that may be a few years away but that is what this is coming down to. You can see where core curriculum and government run education is going to end up. You are going to have no say on your children's education!

Something as major as this should have been discussed with the taxpayers and should have been put on every district's June vote so the taxpayers could have had a say in it not some district vote held at the school where only a handful of citizens go and vote. Obviously the school board will vote for anything that is student related. I know, back in the 90s I was on the school board for six years and just because we were told it was good for the students didn't mean your (conservative) directors voted for it. My first thought was, how would it affect the taxpayers?

It appears Tim Carter is the only reasonable director on the school board. We have a school bought and paid for by the taxpayers and that is where these kids should first be getting their education and easy access to all the facilities provided there. If you want to do a week-long or 2-week type of outward bound program that I have seen done in the past, so be it, but this is crazy to spend my tax dollars on an alternative type of schooling.

What about the kids who have been in middle school all along and may be looking forward to being freshmen at their school!

Jane Ryerson
Bethel

THANK SOUTH PORTLAND

To the Editor:

Thank South Portland!

Their city council has voted for "Clear Skies" and against oil exports, including dirty tar sands.

The action protects not just their community, but all of us near the oil pipeline route from the coast to Canada, and it helps to fight global warming.

The vote for clear skies means more opportunities to grow our clean energy economy here and abroad. It means slowing global warming that is now threatening moose, lobsters, and our country's agriculture.

South Portland has truly earned the motto "dirigo!"

Ken Hotopp
Newry

CORRECTION

NAME OF HONOR ROLL COMMITTEE-An article in last week's Citizen about plans for a veterans' honor roll should have said the group initiating the effort was the Veterans Honor Roll Committee (not an American Legion committee).

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LAKES ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

To The Editor:

The Community Lakes Association held their annual meeting at the 4-H Camp on July 12. New officers elected are: President, Colin Campbell; V. President, Glen Langley; Secretary, Lois Ruff; Treasurer, Susan Pundt; Milfoil Consultant and Rep. at large, Jim Chandler.

At the 2013 annual meeting two sub-committees were formed: Membership, led by Sue Staples. That committee compiled a list of all the lake front property owners in Greenwood and Woodstock to whom a brochure, developed by the Communication committee, led by Pat Stewart, has been sent. We are very grateful for all the work that has been accomplished and to those who responded with donations.

Since 1986 volunteers have performed an opacity test on our ponds as a means of insuring water quality. We also do a loon count for Maine Audubon the third Saturday in July. Here is a list of current volunteers:

Christopher - Secchi Disk, Lois Ruff; Loon Count, Nancy, Bill White and Sue Staples (there were six adults and four chicks).

South and Round - Secchi Disk, Jen Chase; Loon Count?

Twitchell - Secchi Disk, David Brainerd; Loon Count?

Indian - Secchi Disk, Rich and Lonny Schneider; Loon Count, Donna Goodridge

North - Secchi Disk, Jen Chase; Loon Count, Sara Wright

Concord and Shagg - Secchi Disk and Loon Count?

We are currently looking for additional volunteers to help with these activities. If you are willing to help please contact Lois Ruff at 665-2724, Jim Chandler at chandler@mega-link.net or 357-3523 or contact us at our web site: www.communitylakesassociation.org.

For 11 years the Association has been fighting invasive milfoil in Pumping Station Cove, Lake Christopher and Shagg Pond. In 2013 a large patch grew at the outlet to the Little Androscoggin. There are 25 known infestations in Maine and we have three of them. Milfoil is spread primarily by human activity.

The money the Association has spent (\$160,000), to eradicate milfoil has come from the town of Woodstock, donations from citizens and grants.

The Community Lakes Association would especially like to thank Spruce Mt. Wind; it is the third year that we have received a donation from them of \$3,500 to fight milfoil. They have been very generous to our schools, to scholars, to the community and are such a positive addition to our town.

Nancy Willard
Woodstock

GEM SHOW THANKS

To the Editor:

The Oxford County Mineral and Gem Association would like to thank everybody who attended or worked at our show on July 12 and 13.

Over 700 people got to enjoy seeing 14 superb displays of New England minerals and jewelry, take a chance on winning tourmaline rings, learn about Oxford County minerals and take home a piece of Maine.

Special thanks to local miners Frank Perham, Gary Freeman, Jeff Morrison; the Maine Mineral and Gem Museum; dealers Dennis Gross, Norman Davis, John and Debbie Whitney, Elizabeth Bean, Ronald and MaryAnn Schanfish; collectors Doug Bowen, Paul Pinnette, Frank Merrill and Carlton Holt for their incredible kindness in allowing us to see parts of their personal collections. A truly outstanding series of displays!

Ken Briggs, President OCM&GA
Woodstock

SHY, NOVICE & CLOSETED ART SHOW THANKS

To the Editor:

The Shy, Novice & Closeted Art Show celebrated our 10th Annual with 44 artists showing their works of art. From Bethel: Becky Secrest, Don Bennett, Kathleen DeVore, Kathy Berberian, Bess Mahoney, Sarahanne Wright, LeeAnn Wright, Marvin Ouwinga, Lida Iles, Rosabelle Tift, Molly Keane, Sandra Seaver, Isabel Chase, Charles Hodge, Kyra J Suwak, Gene Kelly, Janet Willie and Noel Mathews; West Bethel: Bob McCartney, Mary Sweatt and Amabelle Klatsky; Greenwood: Dwight Mills, Milt Inman, Betsey Foster, Sara Wright and David Brainerd; Albany Township: Bill Patrick, Britany Douglas, Bruce Barrett and Linda Champlain; Andover: Denise Hurd and Wendy Hutchins; Bryant Pond: Elena Noyes, Dorthy Carlson, Michael Rizzo, Diane Rizzo, Leslie Baumgartel and Rich Baumgartel; Newry: Eric Souther; North Waterford: Joy Kish; Woodstock: Howard Miller; Rumford: Havin Mason; Oxford: Harmony Woodhead and from Upton: Joan Miller.

Tony Simpson of North Waterford artistically provided smoked pulled pork with special sauces. Melissa Smith of The Little Red Hen in Andover baked the buns. Bess Mahoney provided the fixings along with Wendy Hutchins' Baked Beans. And a delicious sheet cake was artistically crafted by Shelly Coriveau of the Bethel Foodliner bakery. Sam Gilis with his steel resonator guitar rocked the celebration with his delta Texas blues along-side the singing of amazing 9-year-old Lily Scholfield, accompanied by her dad.

In answering the artist's statement, "What does making art do for your soul," SN&C artist Elena Noyes says, "Working on art brings me peace. I can't work on a painting and worry at the same time. Art takes my whole attention." And Molly Keane quotes, "I like to think that making art is my own little way of influencing and bringing joy to the world."

Several SN&C Artist and supports will be teaching classes this August at our 18 High Street location. An Artist Jump Start Group with Kyra Suwak will be ongoing monthly. Deb Lewis is teaching an Acrylic Paint Class. Noel Mathews will lead a class in paper, brushes, and how to hang a piece of art work. Kyra Suwak will be leading a class in metal smithing. And Bess Mahoney will teach Art Live-Love-Laugh. Please see the Shy, Novice & Closeted Art Show Facebook Page for updates or contact us through www.shynoviceandclosetedartshow.com or by calling 207-824-3889.

Thank you community for supporting these Shy, Novice & Closeted Artist. Thank you for supporting the arts.

Janet Willie
Bethel

MUSIC WITHOUT BORDERS THANKS

To the Editor:

Tamara Poddubnaya, artistic director of the eighth Music without Borders International Piano Festival at Gould Academy, and I thank the people of Bethel - year-round residents and summer people, alike - for their warm welcome back to the community for the four-week Festival season, which ended with a final concert before a full house in McLaughlin Science Center's auditorium last Saturday evening, July 19.

This season, fourteen students from four different countries came for intensive study with Professor Poddubnaya and presented seventeen free evening recitals, including five senior student recitals and one faculty recital, plus three, more informal afternoon "piano marathons." In addition, students played during the early Saturday dinner hour at the Bethel Inn and for Sunday services at the West Parish Congregational Church. Throughout, the respectful attention of our audiences never faltered, even after, one day, a direct lightning strike on McLaughlin disabled the air conditioning; the nearly full house remained seated in rapt attention.

Music without Borders is a continuing success because of the dedication and hard work of its talented participants, Professor Poddubnaya's insistent and dynamic teaching, AND the many kindnesses of the Gould Academy summer staff and members of the Bethel community, whose legendary Maine hospitality has only grown over the seasons. The students fall in love with the place and the people.

At the risk of overlooking someone, I mention the special assistance of several people: Deb Costello offered us extraordinary campus administrative support, Brian Scheiddegger and the Ordway Dining Center staff prepared lunches and many wonderful dinners, as well as the ice-cold drinks we served during intermission. Gould's information technology gurus, Jason Chase and Matt Murphy, as well as head of maintenance, Jerry Bernier, helped us solve numerous problems.

Several fans volunteered to distribute the Festival poster that Kevin McCarthy's company, The Copy Center, so professionally designed and printed for us. Tineke and Marvin Ouwinga and Lynne and Bud Kulik worked their magic with all sorts of things for yet another season, including a dinner in their homes and tours of the Bethel area, not to mention rides in Bud's 1947 Chrysler. Once again, Tineke coordinated home hospitality: delicious meals and good fellowship - and, yes, some piano playing, wherever there was one - offered by Jean and Brendan Bass, Rosemary and John Laban, Lorrie and Mike Hoeh, Elaine and Dutch Dresser, Mary Haberman and Marilyn Sahlberg, and Charleen Chase and Carley Casey. Tineke graciously provided lodging for Festival alumna Marlene McCarthy, when we exceeded the bounds of both Vogt House and Park Street House.

Tineke, Lynne, and Bud served as our ushers for the recitals, greeting old friends and making the many newcomers feel right at home. In what has become a Festival tradition, after the final recital and the MollyOckett Day fireworks, Tamara and the students assembled around Stan Howe's kitchen table for late-evening desserts. Many people generously donated funds to support the considerable costs of piano tuning and maintenance, as well as help with tuition costs for several students.

Professor Poddubnaya plans to return to campus to present Steinway Series recitals with one or two of her students during the regular school year. Notices of these special events will go out to our large e-mail list (Request to be on this list at dchristie@roadrunner.com) and also appear in the Citizen and on the Gould Academy website www.gouldacademy.org.

Tamara Poddubnaya, the Festival students, and I send our thanks to all who helped make this eighth season of Music without Borders enjoyable for so many and a resounding success.

Donald Christie, Jr., volunteer
Gray

Our Back Pages

BY Danna Brown
NICKERSON

10 years ago: Lightning struck the home of Ted and Linda Davis in Bethel Village, causing electrical damage.

The Bethel Historical Society hosted a concert by the 26-member Yankee Brass Band.

Births: Caroline Siekman, Joshua Avian Lacasse.

Deaths: Arthur E. Chayer, Mary Arlene Tripp, Weston Henry, Jr.

20 years ago: A dozen area youngsters went on a three-day canoe/camping trip with Kevin Slater of Mahoosuc Guide Service and Nancy Babcock.

Georgetown artist Dahlov Ipcar had recently completed a mural to be installed in the new library at Crescent Park School.

Births: Carlee Cabral Beatson, Lyndsay Taylor Merrill, Corey Owen Whitten.

Deaths: Patty A. Kehoe-Noll, Wilbur L. Sweetser, Phyllis M. Barnhill, Lucetta D. Akers.

30 years ago: The Mollyockett Day Pie Baking Contest had 14 entries. Winners were Jane Rolfe, David Bishop and Mary Ellen Connelly.

The Northern Oxford Health and Service Council sponsored a fingerprinting program for children ages two and older at the American Legion Hall on Vernon Street.

Births: Craig Derek Angvine, Seth Paul Wilson, Trisha Starr Binette.

Deaths: Mrs. Dorothy K. Moore, Mrs. Nellie L. Bowker.

40 years ago: A 41 ton transformer was off-loaded from a railroad flat car on the Bethel Grand Trunk siding to a Merrill Transportation Co. trailer to be moved to the CMP sub-station on Route 232 in Woodstock.

The second annual Maine Open Woodsmen's Competition drew a large crowd on Mollyockett Day.

Deaths: Miss' Claire M. Long, Mrs. Vera Robbins.

50 years ago: Three of the houses in the row at the former site of the saw mill in the Grafton neighborhood were being taken down.

Two new establishments serving take-out food in the Bethel area were the "Red Lantern" operated by Mrs. Alfred Merrill and Mrs. Neil Merrill, and the "Covered Wagon" in Mayville operated by Mrs. Henry Godwin and Mrs. Oakley Godwin.

Death: Zenas Willis Bartlett, Sr.

60 years ago: Cianchette Bros, Inc. of Pittsfield was awarded the contract to build 2.5 miles of Route 26 between Bethel village and South Bethel for a cost of \$173,280.50.

Bethel Appliance Co. was advertising a 17 inch Raytheon television for \$139.95 and a 21 inch set for \$169.95.

Births: Robert Lee Belanger.

Deaths: Arthur D. Garland, Mrs. Florence Spaulding.

70 years ago: Holden Hall at Gould Academy which was opened for boys and girls in 1909 was being razed.

Deaths: Joe L. Spinney, Mrs. Catherine Raimeny.

80 years ago: Construction had started on third class road on the East Bethel road starting near the so-called Rayford place and continuing up river.

A trailer loaded with hay and hauled by a Ford truck driven by F.J. Tyler caught fire, the hay burned. Tires on the trailer also burned. Hose was laid from a hydrant to extinguish the blaze.

90 years ago: One of the latest electrically operated gasoline pumps was installed at Chapman and Robertson's service station on Main Street.

The William Rogers Chapman property in Mayville was being readied for a silver black fox farm.

The ladies of the Universalist Society presented the farce "Carpet Rags" and the pageant "American Girls" in Odeon Hall.

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"a differential level of boat access for those who reside on the water and those who visit the pond. We also consider the type of watercraft in common use on the pond."

He said the Route 26 access, though not ideal, does provide for launching watercraft "common to North Pond."

Brautigam also said he did not realize until recently that Greenwood also borders North Pond. He said he had met with Woodstock officials, but no good options for other access had been identified there.

So he described his idea for Greenwood, which would incorporate using the existing boat ramp on Round Pond, which connects to North Pond:

"From this launch very small watercraft can access North Pond during low lake levels," he wrote.

"Watercraft size is currently limited by the height of the Route 26 crossing and especially Johnny's Bridge Road crossing. The navigational restriction created at the Johnny's Bridge Road is severe and does not currently provide reasonable navigation for even smaller motorized watercraft."

Brautigam asked if there

are plans to reconstruct the crossing that would provide an opportunity to increase the height of the bridge.

"If the height of the crossing at Johnny's Bridge can be elevated to accommodate 16-18-foot motorized fishing boats, then this would largely satisfy the department's water access concerns. Alternatively, if the need and cost to maintain the Johnny's Bridge Road is not justified given the short cut off afforded traffic then perhaps there might be an opportunity to remove the crossing altogether, forego maintenance and upkeep costs, while eliminating a barrier to boat navigation. With the bridge removed the site could even be even further developed for boat launching, if so desired."

He said if the town has interest in developing a launch off the road IF&W could "explore possible funding support."

The idea didn't get much initial support from selectmen.

Arnie Jordan didn't like the option of removing the bridge. "He's going to have an awful hard time getting that by me," he said.

And putting a launch there, he said, would not

provide a practical option for parking, unless the nearby Legion Hall allowed it.

Jordan added that he doesn't think Woodstock selectmen realize the value of the bridge to their town.

"The town line is 100 yards from the bridge," said Jordan. He said the Woodstock Fire Department can use the bridge and road as a faster route to a fire on the Gore Road, and the Woodstock road crew uses it to access roads as well.

As far as making the bridge taller, Jordan said he might consider a six-inch increase if IF&W would pay to change the approaches.

Town Manager Kim Sparks said the bridge would need some kind of work next year anyway.

Suggested Selectman Amy Chapman, "Let them stop stocking the pond."

She added that personally, "I don't care as much about the road as I care about keeping [the bridge] low enough so the great big boats don't come from all the other ponds. Plus those big boats are pulling the dirt out of the shore."

Sparks said she would contact Brautigam about a possible meeting with selectmen.

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the town agrees to pay General Assistance to qualifying Woodstock residents, subject to repayment by the state of a percentage of the actual cash outlay.

In other news from the meeting:

Hadley's was the sole bidder for winter sand. The bid was accepted in the amount of \$15,250.

The Fire Department has found a utility truck in Michigan to replace the current worn out vehicle. Costs, including getting the truck here, are under budget.

Code Enforcement Officer

Joelle Corey-Whitman was given permission to independently conduct house inspections in Woodstock, as long as there is no conflict of interest with her CEO duties.

The Roadside Spring received a "satisfactory" grade for July.

Carl Vee will be playing at the Gazebo on Aug. 2 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Dam Inspection

Before Tuesday's board meeting, selectmen and engineer Jim Sysko inspected the recently-rebuilt dam at Lake Christopher. Town Manager Vern Maxfield

said Wednesday that the Department of Environmental Protection had determined that the project, completed last year, had placed more fill than allowed by the DEP permit.

Maxfield said that Sysko, who designed and oversaw the project, had observed during construction that there was a lot of wave action at the dam. He decided to also install rip-rap with 10-inch-diameter rocks against one of the berms in order to prevent erosion, said Maxfield. Sysko was expected to contact DEP to explain his reasoning.



Johnny's Bridge as seen from the Gore Road in Greenwood.

A. Aloisio

HANOVER

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The Hanover Post Office on Route 2.

A. Aloisio

ter in Portland, provided Hanover survey results to about 20 people who gathered at the office on Route 2 last Thursday.

Surveys had been mailed to 161 customers outlining options for cutting back hours. The options included reducing window-service hours, closing the office completely and providing roadside mailbox delivery, finding a local contractor to take over the service

at a different location such as a business, or closing the office and relocating the box service to a nearby post office.

There were 70 surveys returned, and 86 percent of them favored reducing the hours.

Instead of 7.45 hours of service on weekdays, the office would offer four hours of service from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday hours would remain the same,

patrons might be allowed access to the lobby in off-hours in order to pick up mail from their boxes, depending on a USPS evaluation of the security of the site.

When the plan is finalized there will be 30 days notice given before it is implemented, Thornton said.

He said while hours would be reduced, the services offered would remain the same.

Those at the meeting asked questions and expressed some concerns.

One woman noted that many people are still working by 4 p.m., making it difficult to pick up mail.

Thornton said patrons on Route 2 should have the op-

tion to get home delivery instead, and others might on a case-by-case basis.

Another resident wondered if the USPS was "shooting itself in the foot" by reducing hours and further forcing people to use the Internet.

The USPS will review the revenue generated by the office each year and adjust hours up or down, if needed, Thornton said. Some offices have been reduced to

as little as two hours a day, he said.

Thornton said Hanover residents at the meeting took the changes well compared to some other meetings he has attended.

Thornton expected to conduct similar meetings at the Andover and East Andover Post Offices last night (Wednesday).

For more information go to <https://usps.com/ourfuturenetwork>, 'Preserving Post Offices.'

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CHURCH

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Rich has also encouraged her Andover congregation to be supportive of the neighboring church. She said when Upton faded as a community, many of the families moved to Andover, 14 miles up the East B Hill Road.

"We've got a mission up the hill," she told them.

The Andover Church has donated 50 hymnals to replace the deteriorated Upton ones.

In addition, said Rich, "My organist, Linda Dyer, comes over to play." A summer resident of Upton also fills in when he's here.

The long-time Upton Ladies Aid organization also helps out.

"The Ladies Aid cleans it every year," she said. "It's kind of a community project."

Since the reopening, the church has been undergoing some improvements, including a fresh outside paint job funded by church money left over from the 1970s. Just recently, a minor fix allowed the bell to ring again.

Next up, said Rich, are the church windows - none of which will open for a warm summer evening service.

The goal is to replace all seven windows and add screens, at a cost of \$650 each.

"We're hoping there are people out there who have a connection to Upton to subscribe for a window," said Rich.

The church will place plaques on the windows noting the donors, if they wish.

Anyone who helps will be adding to the spirit of the church.

"I feel really privileged to be here," said Rich. "I feel like everyone from 1874 forward is here."

To contribute to the project, please mail donations made out to the Upton Union Church in care of Deborah Judkins, 235 Thistle St., Upton, ME 04261.



The windows in the Upton Church no longer open. This one also has a gap at the top. A. Aloisio



The Upton Church around 1900. Courtesy Deborah Judkins

Upton Church history

(This article on the history of the Upton Church, then known as the Upton Congregational Church, was published on the inside cover of the Annual Reports of the Officers of the Town of Upton for the year ending Dec. 31, 1956. It was printed in 1957 by The Oxford County Citizen in Bethel.)

Upton Congregational Church

By Mrs. C.A. Judkins, Clerk

The earliest records we have of anything pertaining to church history in Upton is a petition of the inhabitants of Letters A and B (Letter B was what is now Upton and A was probably Grafton) to James Brown, then a Justice of the Peace, to call a meeting for the purpose of organizing themselves into a Religious Compact, under the name of Union Society, on April 24, 1843. There are records of the meetings from then until March 1845. Names mentioned in these early meetings are mostly men - Abbott, West, Bradbury, Brown, Goud, Hemingway, Bragg, Chase and Tenney.

After 1845 there is no further record until March 19, 1861, when a council of Congregational Minister; Reverend Wheelwright of Bethel, Elliot of Rumford, Jordan of Andover and Rever-

end Tappan of Augusta as honorary member; met to organize a Congregational Church in Upton, which in the meantime had been incorporated as a town. Several candidates for membership brought letters from churches from other towns, where they had formerly been members; others were accepted on confession of faith. Articles of Confession of Faith and the Covenant of the Congregational Church were read and accepted. Names appearing here are: Rich, Douglass, Bragg, Abbott and Godwin. On March 24, 1861, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was first administered in this newly formed Church.

In the Autumn of that same year three Abbott children, three Strickland children and five Rich children were baptized. Hollis was one of the above mentioned children.

Records show that church work progressed quite regularly, with notations of annual meetings, baptisms and other church work after 1861 until 1905. It is not known what happened to the records from then until 1918, though we do know that the Church continued active through that period.

Early meetings were probably held in a schoolhouse. Reverend Garland from

Bethel was one of the early preachers here. It is understood that there was a Mr. Ballard, who lived in town, who was a lay preacher part of the time in the older days.

The Church building we now have, was built in 1874. In order to raise money to build it, each member bought one pew or more, and a corresponding amount of land around the church. The land was obtained from Charles Abbott, but it is not known for sure whether he donated the land.

Through most of the years, the pulpit has been supplied by a student minister for the summer months only. There were a few years when we were a part of the Umbagog Interstate Larger Parish consisting of Wilson's Mills, Magalloway, Errol, N.H., Upton and Newry, that we had a minister for the entire year.

In the summer of 1951, the student minister, Mr. Nelson, with the help of the Upton people, painted a good part of the exterior of the church building. It was later finished. Now it is hoped the interior may be painted in the near future.

We have a church of which we may be proud. The door is never locked. It bids all to enter in and worship God.

CLEANUP

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not complete.

She recommended the town put the cleanup work out to bid, and said she had also been advised to hire a videographer to document "everything that gets thrown away."

Selectman Arnie Jordan made a motion for the town to proceed with the cleanup.

That was when Bevin, who said he lives about 200 yards from the Grovers, spoke up.

"This is a mess, everybody knows it's a mess," he said. "It's been ongoing for a long time. The patience of everyone involved has been tried to a tremendous degree. But I think the attention of the Grovers has been gotten to a degree it hasn't been in a long time ... Would it be fair to say that at least more is happening now than has ever happened? More than just shuffling around?"

"I don't know because they never provide any records," replied Corey-

Whitman.

Bevin said he was also concerned about the cost to the town.

"I think if we were truly honest with ourselves, what's happening on that property probably could happen on 20 percent of the properties in this town to some degree or another," he said. "If we spend the money to do this on this property and every other property that is in a similar state, we're going to end up with more money invested in this property than it's worth."

He speculated that the Grovers, if unable to afford to pay for the cleanup and the fines, might simply walk away from the property and then no one would be paying taxes on it.

"I told the Grovers I would come on their behalf," he said. "I've known them a long time. They've paid taxes for 30 years. They've been good citizens ... They're hard-headed, they're stubborn and they pack a lot of trash on their

property that is treasure to them."

He said the Grovers now have materials to build a pole barn for the material, and many people have volunteered to help them.

He asked the town to allow them "to keep moving in the right direction."

But Jordan then repeated his motion, telling Bevin, "This has been going on since 2003. All we've gotten are promises, promises, promises. We've had enough. The judge told us, the Legislature made a law ... the selectmen are required to enforce the law."

Added Selectman Amy Chapman. "We're required under state law not to let an unsafe, illegal junkyard continue to operate."

The board approved Jordan's motion, and Corey Whitman said she would get to work on the directive.

Sparks said Tuesday a bid package is being prepared and cleanup is tentatively set for Aug. 21-22.

Briefly

Tri-Town Ambulance gets grant

WEST PARIS - Tri-Town Ambulance and Emergency Rescue Service, Inc., in West Paris, has been selected to receive \$20,000 through a Community Facility Direct Loan of \$17,000 and

Grant of \$3,000, according to a press release from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Rural Development funds will be used to purchase a more reliable ambulance to ensure that Tri-

Town Ambulance and Emergency Rescue Services, Inc. can continue to offer reliable around the clock service to the towns of West Paris and Sumner (combined total population of 2,751).

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The Way I See It

BY SHARON BOUCHARD



I know this is supposed to be a humor column and there is nothing funny about people dying, but I read about two deaths of people I felt I had to recognize.

The first is that of a fictional character that meant a lot to me in my childhood years. Archie Andrews of Archie comics has been murdered! The story line is that an adult Archie takes a bullet meant for his friend.

Archie fans should dry their eyes because the teenage Archie is still alive and well in Riverdale with the regular Archie comics. I could comment on that, but I'll save it for another day. The adult version that came out a couple of years ago however, has bit the dust. I never did find out if Archie married Betty or Veronica, but that too is something for another day.

It has been many years since I have read an Archie comic, adult or otherwise, but I sure read a lot of them as a kid. I always rooted for Betty to be Archie's girlfriend rather than the snooty Veronica. I could escape my adolescence angst by putting myself into the story line of what was going on with all the kids at Riverdale High School. I had some great fantasies about being one of those Riverdale teens. Their lives seemed so much more exciting

than mine.

The other passing of note was not a fictional character, but a real person named Tom Tierney, who did contribute to the imaginations of many young girls and perhaps even a young boy or two.

Mr. Tierney, though not the creator of paper-dolls is credited with reviving what was considered a lost art. I didn't know paper-dolls were considered an art form but I sure did

What aren't lost are my fond memories of playing with paper-dolls. Like with the Archie comics, I imagined my life as one of my glamorous paper-dolls with all her glamorous clothes.

Birthdays and Christmas I could usually count on at least one book of paper-dolls. I even made my own paper-dolls by cutting people and clothing out of the Sears catalog, much to my mother's chagrin. I guess she just didn't enjoy looking at a catalog with a lot of holes.

I made a shoebox house for many of my paper-dolls and their clothing. It was great fun until my brother, who was angry with me for tattling on him, ripped off all of the fold-over tabs from the clothing and drew mustaches on the paper-dolls. I think I cried for at least a day, probably longer since I was quite the drama queen back then.

Other than my brother's great paper-doll caper, I spent many wonderful hours playing with my paper-dolls and many wonderful hours reading Archie comics.

The way I see it I owe Archie and Mr. Tierney a debt of gratitude for making those hours of fantasy possible. May you both rest in peace. Well, the adult Archie should rest in peace, the teenage Archie will go on forever.

A debt
of
gratitude...

like them when I was a little girl. I certainly created my own form of fiction while playing with them.

Though no name is attributed as the actual paper-doll creator, it is believed that they originated in France in the 18th century when Marie Antoinette's dressmaker made miniature documentary records of her mistress's wardrobe. As it turned out Marie Antoinette lost her clothes and her head and her dressmaker's name is lost to history.

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OCSD Patrol Log

Tuesday, July 15

At 7:32 a.m. a caller reported a suspicious vehicle that hangs around a Railroad Street business every day, but the occupant never goes in the business. Deputy Andy Whitney was assigned.

At 11 p.m. Deputy Stephen Witham conducted a traffic stop on Parkway in Bethel on a vehicle with no functioning rear lights. William H. Stearns was arrested and charged with OUI.

Wednesday, July 16

At 3 a.m. Deputy Andy Whitney received a report of telephone harassment in Bethel. Despite three attempts no contact could be made with the complainant.

At 12:23 p.m. Deputy Andy Whitney took a report of suspicious activity at a business on Mayville Road in Bethel.

Thursday, July 17

At 1:26 a.m. while on patrol in Bethel Deputy Peter Casey observed a vehicle with the door open in a Mayville Road parking lot. A subject in the passenger seat was passed out. Investigation revealed he and his employer were staying at a lodging place, and the subject was highly intoxicated and preferred to sleep in the vehicle.

At 8:26 a.m. four deputies did a traffic detail on the Intervale Road in Bethel due to complaints of speeding traffic. One vehicle driver was summonsed for speeding 60 mph in a 45 mph zone, and there were two warnings given for registration and inspections. Traffic was light.

At 1:27 p.m. Deputy Dani Welch responded to a car fire on South Main Street in Woodstock.

At 2:16 p.m. a subject at a Railroad Street, Bethel, business was given a summons for criminal mischief and disorderly conduct, as well as a no-trespass warning.

At 10:30 p.m. Deputy Peter Casey investigated a dispute on Intervale Road in Bethel involving threatening text messages and photographs. No action was taken.

At 10:44 p.m. an out-of-town resident reported a vehicle traveling 10 mph and all over the road on Routes 2 and 26 in Bethel. Deputies were not able to locate the vehicle.

Friday, July 18

At 8:14 a.m. a report was received of a subject being inappropriately touched while at work in Bethel. Deputy Stephen Witham was assigned.

Saturday, July 19

At 7:05 a.m. deputies were asked to respond to the Sunday River Road for a report of road rally cars and people in the roadway. Deputies spoke with the event coordinator, who said they would be leaving in five minutes and would keep cars and people out of the road.

At 7:51 a.m. Deputy Willie Nelson responded to a burglary on South Arm Road in Andover. Items taken included a set of moose antlers and a Play Station 2.

At 9:41 p.m. dispatch was advised there would be several hundred people leaving the Sunday River area of Newry after the day's festivities. Deputies were told that a large number of those drivers were suspected to be intoxicated.

Sunday, July 20

At 1:09 p.m. Deputy Josh Wyman responded to Howe Hill Road in Greenwood for a report of a burglary. The incident is under investigation.

At 1:12 p.m. Sgt. Tim Holland located an open window on a property in Newry. A Yankee's jacket was under the window. The incident was to be investigated as a possible break-in.

At 6:02 p.m. a Bethel caller reported ongoing issues with threatening phone calls. Deputy Dave Hodgson was assigned.

Monday, July 21

At 2:21 p.m. on the West Bethel Road in Bethel Deputy Andy Whitney did a bail check on a subject, who was found to possibly be in violation. At the D.A.'s suggestion the subject was given a warning.

er this year over last. Recognition to the book signing table manned by the Remington family of writers and to the Mountain Jewelry table with old hand water pump sluice source. The heating systems layout at Brooks Bros. had really educational displays but I think it suffered in drawing a crowd by being off Broadway so to speak. Maine Energy Systems had an excellent layout. It was hard to me to understand the contents of the Bosch layout.

On the Common some of the highlights were the basket weaving, face painting, a watercolor display and the crowd. Modern day common setups which make the area look like tent city call for meandering and peaking in to see what's going on. I took an 11-second video of the Native American basket maker: on the Bethel Journals Facebook page it shows that its reach was 129. This kind of display and participation by Native American descendants, so to speak, of MollyOckett certainly have added a quality ingredient to the day's program.

Stopped and chatted with the lady who had a wonderful display of watercolors. She told me they were her husband's work. Then I discovered they lived in Deland, Fla., not far from where my grandparents had a winter cottage. Next I found out that they keep our kind of yearly schedule - six months here and six months in Florida. Then when I mentioned to her that drawing and art had helped me a lot in my Army career she said that her husband says the same thing.

Tubing and Treasure Scavenger Hunt

Bethel Outdoor Adventure put on its fourth MollyOckett Weekend tube race and scavenger hunt which is really quite a detailed process. This year I followed the progress of a family of four who are from Westwood, Mass. While the tubing part from BOA to Davis Park is pretty straight forward, paddle fast to win, the scavenger hunt is quite detailed with instructions and rules. After finishing the tube race portion participants have to follow instructions for clues along the pathway back to BOA. Then they follow clues to find gems (minerals) at the BOA Gem Dig; once found they have to identify their finds accurately by comparing the item with a variety of specimens mounted on a chart of gems and minerals. Once they have written down their answers, the contestant's dash off to the judge's tent so see if

they have passed the gem/mineral ID test. The overall time it takes one to do this is, if all the answers are correct, how the winner is determined. It is not easy.

Photos from the weekend are online at The Bethel Journals. If you want to receive the online publication e-mail me at bethel.journals@outlook.com. The online edition also has a surveyor's chart of the lot on Main and Mechanic Streets which is now proposed as a site for a veterans honor roll and memorial park.

Bethel

By NANCY BROWN



For those of us who love meteor showers this is the season we wait for all year. Late July and August give Northern Hemisphere skywatchers the best meteor displays. The Alpha Capricornids are active from July 11 through Aug. 10 and will peak on July 29. This is a relatively calm meteor shower and produces a peak of only two to five meteors per hour. What is unique about the Alpha Capricornids is the number of bright fireballs that it produces. The star of the summer showers is the Perseids, which produces 50 to 100 meteors or "shooting stars" per hour in a dark sky. The meteors are visible in all parts of the sky. They are fast and bright and often leave trails across the sky. The Perseids are visible beginning in July and build to a peak August 11 to 13. This year moon light will interfere with the viewing. The full moon is Aug. 10, and it is an "extra super moon." The moon will be at its closest point to the Earth and may be 30 percent brighter than usual. The best viewing will be after midnight and in the predawn hours when the brightest of the Perseids may be able to overcome the moon-saturated sky. Turning your back to the moon will help.

Since 1985 July has been National Parks and Recreation Month. Last fall the National Parks and Recreation Association asked visitors to their website to vote for a theme for this year's celebration. Voters chose "Out Is In" as the theme, designed to get people outside. The Bethel Art Fair and MollyOckett Days may be over for this year, but Bethel has dozens of other opportunities for outdoor summer activity. The Chamber of Commerce provides maps and brochures for local recreation facilities and hiking

trails. On Saturday, July 26, the Bethel Historical Society is hosting an outdoor concert by the Yankee Brass Band. The concert is free and will be held on the grounds of the Dr. Moses Mason House, 14 Broad Street, at 2 p.m. The event takes place rain or shine. Those attending are encouraged to bring one or more lawn chairs.

Strawberry picking is almost over for the year, but blueberries are here. Not just the wild berries along the roadsides and in the meadows, but the U-pick fields are open. Did you know that blueberries are one of the easiest fruits to pick and store, as well as one of the healthiest? Blueberries rank No. 1 in antioxidant activity as compared to 40 other varieties of fruits and vegetables.

There is a free community supper on Wednesday, July 30, at the Bethel Alliance Church from 4:30 to 6 p.m. The church is located at 251 Walkers Mills Road (across from Telstar). Everyone is welcome. For more information, call 824-2289.

If you have news to share, please e-mail me at brown-nancy1950@gmail.com, or call me at 824-2483.

Andover

By JANE C. RICH



Courtesy of Pete Coolidge and friends the next summer concert on the bandstand will happen tomorrow night, July 25, from 6 to 8 p.m. At this point the weather promises to be good, but should it rain this event will be moved to the First Congregational Church. The featured local talent for the evening will be bagpipe player Denise Hurd. So come prepared to enjoy some good Celtic music.

There's a lot of local excitement about the new addition to Olde Home Days activities, The Maple Street Art Gallery and some additions to that event. Robert Lee Remington will be on hand to sign copies of his newly published book. Robert and Steven Remington (Robert's nephew) may also be on hand to sign their books at the gallery on Saturday morning. Pam Berry, Denise Hurd, Elly Dufault and Wendy Hutchins, organizers of the event, report that more than 20 local artists of the present and past have agreed to show their work, or works they own which were produced by local citizens who are no longer living in the area or who are now deceased. Those bringing works of art for the exhib-

Bethel

By DONALD G. BENNETT



New England Forest Rally
It must be quite entertaining for Bethel area people to watch the goings-on at South Ridge on the opening day of the Forest Rally. This year Subaru seemed to dominate the landscape whereas last year's winner rallied in a souped-up Ford Focus. When you enter the South Ridge parking area you cannot help but realize that Red Bull must be a major sponsor. The upper lot holds all the rally team service areas but the entertainment comes in the main parking lot. At least three or four media teams with very expensive video cameras and interviewers are engaged recording

comments from some of the stars of Rally America. On the plus side it is really amazing to see how many rally teams come from far away and get a brief taste of Bethel-Newry culture. Making my way through the crowd I was impressed by how polite, clean shaven and well dressed the people were.

This year the Forest Rally winners were David Higgins who was born on the Isle of Man but now lives in Wales; his team mate and co-driver was Craig Drew whose hometown is Bristol, England. Second place winners were Travis Pastrana from Davidson, Md. and his co-driver was Christine Beavis who is an architectural designer from San Diego. They were one of the teams being interviewed when I got there. In third place was Adam Yeoman from Houghton,

Mich., and his co-driver was Jordan Schulze also from Houghton, Mich. Other rally teams were from North and South Carolina, Tennessee, Connecticut, Vermont and Virginia.

MollyOckett Day and Parade

This year's parade seemed to be dominated by politics and fire departments. After it was all over Kathy and I thought that our votes went to the float and marchers in memory of Miss Sue and the most eye-catching float was the Bethel Alliance Church angels on a cloud. The giant float award went to the Ford truck on monster tires representing MonsterPhotos whatever that is all about. The before and after parade Main Street vendor and display stands seem to be gaining in popularity; the Main Street crowd was definitely larg-

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it should do so on Monday, July 28, so they may be arranged by the organizers.

Those wishing to enter the Photography Contest are reminded that photos can be submitted at the Andover Town Hall, starting Monday, July 28 through Thursday, July 31 from 5 to 7 p.m. each night. Entries can also be received by Kelly or Ray in Mexico and arrangements for same may be made by phoning them at 369-0559. Categories include portrait, landscape, flower, animal, Photoshopped and black and white.

Another new activity this year is the Andover Historical Society Auction which will occur on Friday on the steps of the First Congregational Church at 3 p.m. with Joe Martin as the auctioneer. The society is still receiving donations. Contact Kim Peare or Trudy Akers. The society is also sponsoring the 63rd Annual Flower Show. Categories are listed on signs available at local stores.

The People in Action Committee sponsored a potluck lunch on Tuesday, details of which I will have for you next week.

I attended the Ecclesiastical Council for Robert H. Ross at the West Parish Congregational Church on Sunday which approved Bob for ordination at a future date. Mr. Ross is currently working for Grace Street Ministries in Portland which serves the homeless population of that community. This is an outreach program of the West Parish congregation.

Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School at 9:15, Morning Worship at 10:30, Evening Service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is Mid-Week Service, Bloom for girls 13 to 18 and Foundations for guys 15 years and up. Vacation Bible School is July 28 to Aug. 1, 6 to 8 p.m. All children are invited to attend. Aug. 10 is Fellowship Sunday with Morning Service, lunch on the grounds and

afternoon service, Aug. 16 is the Church Picnic.

The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens will meet on Aug. 7 at Clyde and Norma Knights' home for a picnic. Please bring a dish to share. You may want to bring a lawn chair also. New members always welcome.

The Woodstock Historical Society will meet on Aug. 9 at 5 p.m. for a picnic at the Universalist Church Tour the church and look at old tomb stones in the cemetery. Note: Time change.

When you visit the Whitman Memorial Library, remember to look at the oil paintings of Dwight Mills from Locke's Mills.

If you have news, please call 665-2460 or send to me at PO Box 105, Bryant Pond, Maine, 04219.

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN

The nice warm weather that followed the rainy days has made our little garden very happy. There are little tomatoes starting to appear. We picked a few cucumbers this past weekend, too.

My brother, Steve McLain, told me that one day last week he was waiting in line at the grocery store in Bethel. He turned to see Jeanie Waite, who is the Director of Adult Ed at Telstar and my former boss. They exchanged a few pleasantries about this recent retiree.

Mary Tyler was quite busy this past weekend. She gathered a few relatives to help her put up a little storage shed. Her niece and husband, Brenda and Jeff Bergeron, along with their children, Christi, Moriah, Brenden and Morgan were more than willing to get the job done. After all their hard work, they enjoyed a cookout with strawberry shortcake for dessert. Perfect ending to a busy day!

Hugh and I saw a small deer (a buck) in our yard last week. It went across the railroad tracks and Route 2. It made it safely into the woods behind the park. Mary also saw the tracks of a good sized deer one day last week by her house. Earlier that day, Hugh saw one cross Route 2 and run into Mill Street. That evening a big doe came through our yard and

ran down our street and crossed the railroad tracks in front of Wayne and Linda Taylor's house.

Tim, Michele and Sidney were gone overnight this past weekend. Hugh and I got to "babysit" their dog, Chloe, the four footed "grandchild."

Gilead Historical Society Hugh went over to the schoolhouse to move around some displays. He needed to make room for the work that will begin this week on replacing some of the bead board on the back wall. It will be great to get that done. Not only will it look better, but we will be able to make better plans as to where the displays will be going.

While Hugh was over there he noticed that he had some company. There was a little brown rabbit that seemed quite interested in what was going on. Hugh made several trips from one building to another and in and out of the cellar. The rabbit stayed nearby, but kept moving around if Hugh got too close.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

Hanover

By MARIA HOLLOWAY



Post Office Hours

You may have thought there was a party at the Post Office!

The Hanover POST Plan meeting, held in the Post Office Lobby last Thursday was very well attended with 17 postal customers present. The meeting lasted about an hour and was led by Jim Thornton, Postmaster from Portland, who reviewed the Town's survey results and answered questions and addressed concerns.

The survey sent to homes a few months ago was overwhelmingly (86 percent) in favor of realigning the hours rather than having only a home delivery option, village post office option, or closing of the office and using a nearby postal facility. Of the 161 surveys mailed to customers, a total of 70 responded.

Following the survey and the feedback received from the meeting, it is anticipated that retail hours for the Hanover Post Office will be Monday through Friday, 12 noon to 4 p.m. and Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Additional hours allowing entry to the lobby only for post office box access is yet to be determined and is pending building security issues. It is very likely that customers will have additional access to post office boxes in the lobby outside of the retail hours listed above, but specifically what those hours will be is not yet known. Hanover residents will receive a 30-day notice once the final determination has been set. The current home delivery schedule will not change.

Mr. Thornton addressed the biggest concern of all and reiterated that it is not the intent of the Postal Service to close the Hanover Post Office now or in the future, although, there will be an annual review of the viability of the Post Office hours in relation to the business generated by the Town. Mr. Thornton noted that similar meetings are taking place in surrounding small towns around Hanover but added that the hours of operation in Bethel, Rumford and Mexico will not change. As you may well realize, the use of the internet has severely impacted postal business over the past few years.

Please support our Post Office by keeping your postal business in Hanover. For some interesting reading, you may pick up a booklet in the Post Office lobby entitled "Because the Mail Matters" which offers an impressive history of the US Postal Inspection Service which protects our mail.

The Susburys attended the Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program conference this past weekend. Rita Aromaa was there also representing the Invasive Plant Patrol team for Howard Pond. Of note was the fact that Howard Pond has the longest term of documented data in the country for monitoring of the water quality, and Bob Susbury, who was recognized for his 40 years of service, has paddled to the deepest point (118 feet) in the center of Howard Pond over 400 times over the years to obtain water samples! (At least 95 percent of those paddles were with his chief paddler, Peg, and a dog at the stern serving as First Mate.) In many ways, Howard Pond is lucky not to have a public boat ramp, as invasive plants travel from pond to pond mostly via

watercraft. Another contributing factor to keeping invasives out is the lowering of the water each winter allowing plants to be exposed to the elements of the harsh winters.

Hanover residents are spending times with family and friends as they take advantage of the lovely summer weather we have been having. The Booths enjoyed a week with their granddaughter who was visiting from California. And friends from Hanover Pines met up at Bethel's Mollycoddett Days on Saturday and Sunday to watch the parade, fireworks and road races. Others took a drive to Sunday River to watch the start of the Forest Rally and meet the drivers and teams of this exciting international car race. Please contact me with news, comments and feedback at HanoveMENews@gmail.com.

Locke's Mills

By BETSEY FOSTER



Two bids were submitted for surfacing work on the section of the Greenwood Road from Howe Hill to Rowe Hill Road. Pike Industries' bid was for \$131,000, and Bruce Manzer's bid was \$113,000. Selectmen awarded the work to Manzer. Town Manager Kim Sparks said she hopes the work can begin within a few weeks once our highway department has completed the ditching work along this road.

Little goes to waste with our highway folks. The soil and brush from the ditching project is being used as fill near the Greenwood Town Office. This is so the Legion storage shed can be moved and allow for more parking in front of the Town Office. Good move.

The Selectmen reviewed pictures of the court-ordered clean-up at the Doug Grover property on Rowe Hill Road. They determined that insufficient work has occurred and authorized Code Enforcement Officer Joelle Corey-Whitman to request contractor bids for clean-up of the Grover site on Aug. 21 and 22. Mr. Grover will continue to clean the site between now and those dates. If the site is clean by those dates, the contractor will not be needed. If it is not clean as ordered, the

contractor, the CEO, and a sheriff's deputy will oversee the clean-up.

The Greenwood Fire Department was called out five times this past weekend. Two were EMT calls in Greenwood, another two EMT calls were in Woodstock, and one call was a brush fire on the Richardson Hollow Road. It is not known whether that fire was caused by a cigarette or by someone illegally setting off fireworks.

Our firefighters also sold over 1,000 pounds of potatoes cut to French fries at Mollycoddett Day in Bethel last Saturday.

Hicks Cemetery still has a few lots for sale. The price is \$150 for a 3-person lot and \$300 for a 6-person lot. If interested in securing your final resting place, call the Town Office.

The Greenwood Bicentennial Committee met last week for the first time. Fourteen people were there, and Kim Sparks was appointed committee chair. Blaine Mills, who headed the 175th anniversary celebration, told the others present what worked and what didn't for that celebration. Blaine also said he is now retired from that "job." The committee will meet again Aug. 14.

Maine Inland Fisheries and Wildlife would like to meet with the Selectmen regarding public access to North Pond. At the moment there is none. The access along Route 26 was closed due to safety concerns. Sparks is working to arrange a date for the Maine IF&W to come here to discuss access.

A life-or-death drama shook the residents around North Pond recently. Last Sunday evening the two resident bald eagles zoomed in to attack the newest pair of baby loons. Luckily, Monday morning found both babies safe with their parents. Thanks, Amy Chapman and Jane Chandler, for the update. These loon twins hatched last week, about three weeks after other loon chicks appeared. Stay safe, little ones; you are the darlings of the area.

Firefighter's Friday Fish Fry this week, July 25, 3 to 7 p.m., at the fire station on Howe Hill Road.

This Saturday is the memorial service for that indomitable woman, Sue Farrar, who taught (or tried to teach) so many of us to dance when we were

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children. The service is 2 p.m. at the Bethel Alliance Church across from Telstar and is open to all. Please send news to 3taich16@gmail.com.

Newry

By DOUG WEBSTER



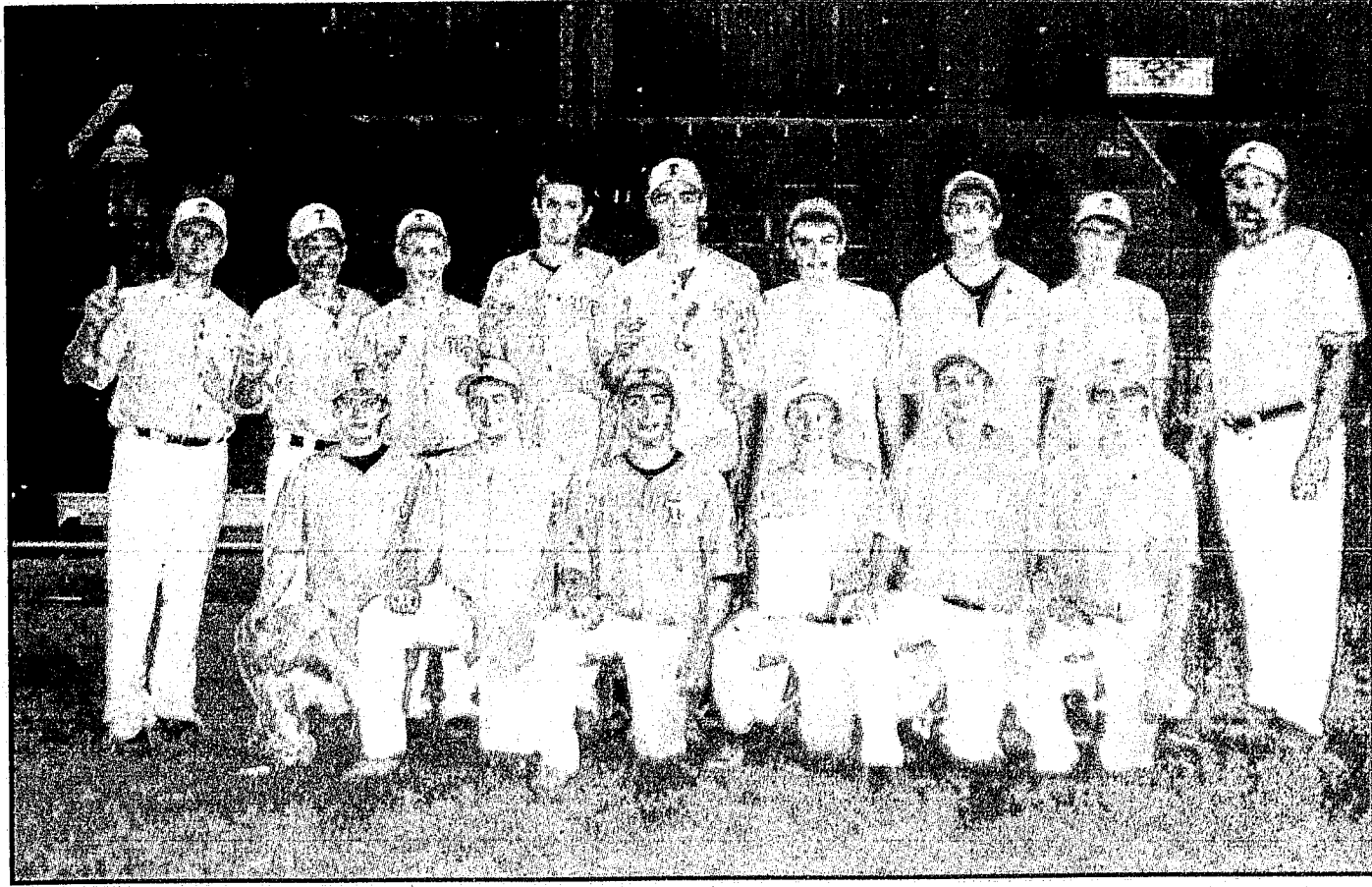
Congratulations to Kelly Scott. She was unanimously hired by the Selectboard and the Administrator to be the new Deputy Town Clerk.

Newry residents may use Rapid Renewal, an online registration program that allows one to re-register trailers, cars, trucks and motorcycles. It can be found at <https://www1.maine.gov/online/bmv/rapid-renewal/> searching for Newry.

The Selectboard is still trying to hash out the Town Administrator's job description. Mrs. Hanscom said she has a copy that she is satisfied with, but Mr. Morton said he thought it wasn't much of a change, and there had not been any serious discussion. He believes there is still work to be done. Ultimately they voted to adopt the description with the option to come back for more discussion.

Mrs. Powers told the Selectboard that someone had dug a new grave at the Head of the Tide Cemetery. She said she knew nothing about it and neither did the town sexton. She said she would look into it.

The Selectboard discussed the school withdrawal process that has been presented to the Board by petition. Jim Sysko is heading up the charge. Mrs. Hanscom said she has been hearing from a lot of people in the community. She would like to see the town enter into negotiations with the School Board and try to work out a new funding formula with the other towns. Mr. Sysko said he thinks that would be "a hard sell" and wouldn't address the concerns of some in town that don't think the district, and especially Newry, is getting the education that we are paying for. Sysko noted that the poor letter grades the schools got earlier were proof that we are not getting our money's worth. Hanscom thinks these grades are up for debate. But she acknowl-



SOUTHERN MAINE TOURNAMENT WINNERS-The three coaches led the Western Maine Bethel-Woodstock Babe Ruth baseball team through an undefeated season and championship series. They recently led this team of 15-year-old All Stars from the Tri-County Babe Ruth League to win the Southern Maine Area Tournament through a spectacular extra-inning finish. They will compete in the State Championship Tournament July 25-27. Players are from Bethel, Woodstock, Oxford, Buckfield and Naples. Submitted photo

edged that she agrees with the improvements shown this past year in the grades that were given.

People around town have asked me if Hanscom should step down when it comes to the school withdrawal process since she works directly with the Superintendent of Schools and is on the Selectboard. I do not know the answer; it is above my pay grade. Hopefully Hanscom can find the statute stating whether she needs to step down on this issue or not.

The Board ultimately decided to take \$50,000 from surplus to cover the estimated withdrawal expenses. They agreed to hire attorney Dan Stockford of Brann and Isaacson out of Lewiston. There will be a public meeting at the Grange Hall on Aug. 5 at 7 p.m. and a vote on whether or not to move forward in the process on Aug. 19 at the ballot box from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The Selectboard granted money towards a Bryant Pond 4H Camp experience for Newry children.

The animal control officer is now back on duty. She was out recovering from a dog bite that happened in Rumford.

Dave Bonney, Newry's CEO, informed the Board that Manzer paving will be paving the Sunday River access road this summer.

I see that SAD 44 will be sending all of the ninth graders to the 4H Camp in Bryant Pond this year. Sounds like a radical change from the norm; I hope parents are paying attention to what is going on. There are a lot of changes going on in education. Time will tell how effective these new programs are. There is much discussion going on around the country about the Common Core standards and other proficiency-based learning systems that the state has adopted. I hope parents take the time to educate themselves about the new formats of education.

The Eddy School had an ARTirondack chair in this year's Mahoosuc Arts auction. They painted it in the style of Piet Mondrian - it turned out really great. It was the strangest auction I've ever been to. The auctioneers tended to start high and then work backwards. I guess I don't go to enough auctions.

If anyone would like to meet and talk about the possibility putting on a

"traditional" MollyOckett Day, I am willing to offer space at my place. I guess by "traditional" I mean activities like we used to have in the 60s and 70s such as the main event of woods-men day challenges and activities for the kids like rope ladders, greased pole, pig chase, 3-legged race, etc. E-mail me if you are interested dwebster@megalink.net.

South Woodstock

By LOLALEE DILLINGHAM



Good morning y'all. Finally a break in the humidity so maybe we will get a few days of more comfortable weather.

Belated birthday wishes to Gladys Lee, Craig Ryerson, Duane Ryerson, Leon Poland, Shirley Brackett, Judy Green and Wanda Kimball.

Music at the American Legion in Rumford on Friday nights from 7 to 11 p.m. - come on out and enjoy your evening with friends, family and neighbors. Don't forget your dancing shoes/boots and come meet some of the musicians. No cover charge. Free admission.

Bar will be open. Food bar will also be open.

Lots of great events going on throughout the Oxford County area. Check them out.

Due to the rain and inclement weather, there was no music at the Mexico Rec Park last week.

Sorry for the short column this week, I am off to band practice at Leroy's, and I am making sandwiches to take for lunch.

That's all from the valley this week. Enjoy your weekend.

Upton

By JOE BERNIER



The trip to "Forest Lodge" was enjoyed by all who participated. The weather was

about perfect and the lunch was delicious. Aldro, as always, was a great host and guide. Thank you to everyone involved in the tour.

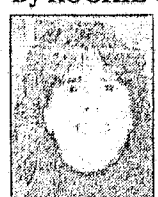
The Upton Historical Society will meet Sunday, July 27, 3 p.m. at the school. The Letter B Notch Riders will meet Sunday, July 27, 9 a.m. at the Upton House. Both groups will be finalizing their respective plans for "Upton Fun Day."

The Upton Planning Board will meet Friday, July 25 at the town office.

Please call 533-2010 or e-mail backstjoe@gmail.com with your news.

Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM



I'll try to make this quick as I am late and I need to do it before it gets hot. My computer is not liking the heat. My printer already gave up and last week my caps lock stuck. Otherwise all is well.

Thursday, July 24, Albany Church on Hunts' Corner Road is having a public supper. Doors open at 5 p.m. and supper is at 5:30 p.m. It is \$7 per person, ages 12 and under \$4. The road has been paved and it should be clear sailing.

Saturday, July 26, North Waterford, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., North Waterford Church of Route 35 across from Melby's: Bake Sale and Flea Market. Tables available for \$10. Call Milly Millett at 533-2822.

Mollyockett Chorus will perform "Big Hair" in Lovell July 24 at the Brick Church and Saturday, July 26 in Denmark at the Arts Center at 7:30 p.m. Should be fun shows. FMI please call 925-1500.

Said this would be short. Air quality is getting worse and have to leave this room. Have a great week and stay cool.

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Andover Olde Home Days

The 34th consecutive Andover Olde Home Days celebration will occur this year on August 1, 2, and 3. Olde Home Days began in 1980 following the successful 175th Anniversary Celebration answering the pleas of many attendees for a continuation of what has become one of the best small town celebrations in Western Maine.

Each year a committee of local citizens headed up by Marshall and Vicky Meisner begins meeting in the spring to select a theme. This year's theme is Neighbors helping Neighbors which honors the 40 years of service to the community provided by the Andover Service Circle.

Over the years some of the events have stayed the same and some have been dropped and new activities planned to take their place. New activities this year include the hammer toss for men to compliment the skillet throw begun last year for women. Another addition will be The Maple Street Gallery at 71 Maple Street which is behind the common and the church. Local artists both current and of past decades will be featured. The gallery will be open on Friday evening from 5 to 8 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Another new activity will be an auction on the steps of the First Congregational Church to benefit the Andover Historical Society on Friday at 8 p.m. with Joey Martin as the auctioneer.

Repeat events include a band concert on the common at 6 p.m. Friday evening, the garden contest which will be judged on Thursday, the 10th Annual Road Race, the antique and classic car show, the Historical Society Flower Show, a photography contest, children's games and barrel train rides, a horse shoe tournament, lawn tractor pull and lawn tractor racing. The Fire Department will serve up its famous chicken barbecue beginning at 11 a.m. on Saturday. The Maine Game Warden Service will again present their display, Operation Game Thief and other activities include a pie eating contest, a reading in the library by author Karen Johnson about Mollycodd and the Pennecook Art Show.

This celebration is funded by the sale of numbered buttons which entitle the wearer a chance to win a prize and T-shirts. Both items are available in local stores and on the bandstand on August 2nd.

Thanks to the generosity of SAD 44 bus transportation is provided from the Grimaldi field parking area. You may also take a horse drawn carriage ride provided by Harry and Tammy Hutchinson.

The Ellis River Riders will be having an evening horse show beginning at 3 p.m. on Friday and an all-day show starting at 9 a.m. on Sunday. Both events will have the food booth available.

So come to Andover for Olde Home Days, August 1, 2 and 3 and have a great time.



TELSTAR PITCHER A RECORD BREAKER-At the final awards night for Telstar Varsity Softball recently senior pitcher Jessica Dirago received many awards, including a plaque to be put in the Telstar trophy case for breaking three school records in her career. She broke the record for most strikeouts in a game with 18 against Lisbon this year, broke the single season record (set by her last year) with 197 strikeouts in a season this year, and broke the career record for strikeouts with 509 in three years. She was also awarded the MVP for the season and MVC First Team All Star. The career strikeouts record had been held by Stacey Kangas for 20 years. Jessica will attend the University of Maine at Farmington for two years of core classes, then go on to Grand Valley State University in Michigan for the final two years for a bachelors' degree in ultrasound (specializing in OBGYN). *File photo*

An afternoon with Tucker Carlson

The Woodstock Republican Committee is proud to present "An Afternoon with Tucker Carlson" Wednesday, Aug. 6, 2014, 4 p.m.

Widely recognized as co-host of the morning show "Fox & Friends" on the Fox News Channel, Tucker Carlson has also hosted "Tucker" on MSNBC, "Crossfire" on CNN, and "Tucker Carlson: Unfiltered" on PBS.

His autobiography, "Politicians, Partisans and Parasites: My Adventures in Cable News," contains observations and anecdotes about his career in cable news. Additionally, Mr. Carlson has written for a wide variety of publications including: Esquire, The Weekly Standard, The New Republic, and The New York

Times Magazine.

Tucker is also a founder and Editor-in-Chief of the website The Daily Caller, a political news website that is not tied to any specific ideology launched in 2010.

For his topic, Mr. Carlson will be speaking on "What to Expect in Politics."

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News from Ellis River Riders

It was beautiful weather for our first two show weekends. We have been very pleased with the volume of riders showing with us. It's great to see an influx in Lead-line and Walk Trot riders for both Open and Gymkhana shows. Ellis River Riders, Inc. is a training type club dedicated to the education, skill advancement and confidence building of all riders. We have classes for all ages and further divided by skill level. Our recent shows have proven we are a fun, encouraging, and friendly group who welcomes new members and riders at any time during the season. You do not have to chase points to come ride, learn and enjoy our club. We have several riders that use our club to further the training level of their green or new horse, while others come to practice and advance their own riding skills. Won't you give us a try? All information you need is on our website: www.ellis-riverriders.com. Free to Spectators, Food Booth is available for all club shows and classes start at \$5. Our next events are Aug. 2 gymkhana under the lights starting at 3 p.m., Aug. 3 Pleasure/Equitation/English/Western starting at 9 a.m. with Judge Terry Adkins. See our website for full event (shows and trail rides) listing including benefit events for Angel Flight of NE (Murder Mystery Trail ride on Sept. 20), St Jude's trail ride and a Versatility Clinic and Challenge on Oct. 18 to benefit The Fight for Air, Boston Stair Climb, American Lung Association.

Recent results are as follows: June 21, 2014 Gymkhana: Leadline: Ch. Evie Willer and MVA Kahlua N Cream, Res. Reese Timberlake and MVA Kahlua N Cream Walk-Trot: Ch. Tommy Marchesseault and Merry Leggs, Res. Gabrielle Smith and Beau's Snazzy Story Youth Novice: Ch. Alexis Allegra and Beau's Snazzy Story Youth: Ch. Shaynah Seames and Rio Wolf Creek, Res. Paige Gammon and Dually Adult Novice: Ch. Shelby Gammon/Bea Steady Doc, Res. Kylie Schramm/Joe Adult: Ch. Sam Lindley/Mouse, Res. Kathi Kyes/Sach O' Lena Open: Ch. Shaynah Seames/Rio Wolf Creek, Res. Sam Lindley/Mouse Pairs: Ch. Sam Lindley/Mouse and Pam Tobin/Cody, Res. Shaynah Seames/Rio Wolf Creek and Paige Gammon/Dually June 22, 2014 Open: Youth Walk-Trot: Ch. Elicia Poisson/ABD The Big Chill, Res. Olivia Seames/Rio Wolf Creek Youth English: Ch. Hannah Plummer/Designated Dominatrix, Res. Lexi Lloyd/Valley Brooks Vigil Adult English: Ch. Jess Small/MVA Kahlua N Cream, Res. Molly Nelson/The Understudy Youth Western: Ch. Hannah Plummer/Designated Dominatrix, Res. Shaynah Seames/How D Impress Me Adult Western: Ch. Leslie Monroe/Coosations Comet, Res. Pam Tobin/Cody Open: Ch. Jess Small/MVA Kahlua N Cream.

Res. Hannah Plummer/Designated Dominatrix July 5, 2014 Open: Youth Walk-Trot: Ch. Gabrielle Smith/Just a Bit of Priz, Res. Jena Feith/MVA Kahlua N Cream Youth English: Ch. Paige Garcia/Red Fury, Res. Lexi Lloyd/Valley Brooks Vigil Adult English: Ch. Molly Nelson/he Understudy, Res. Jess Small/MVA Kahlua N Cream Youth Western: Ch. Shaynah Seames/How D Impress Me, Res. Hannah Plummer/Designated Dominatrix Adult Western: Ch. Leslie Monroe/Coosations Comet, Res. Pam Tobin/Cody Open: Ch. Lexi Lloyd/Valley Brooks Vigil, Res. Paige Garcia/Red Fury July 6, 2014 Gymkhana: Leadline: Ch. Hannah Roche/Magic, Res. Evie Willer/MVA Kahlua N Cream Walk-Trot: Ch. Tommy Marchesseault/Merry Leggs, Res. Olivia Seames/Rio Wolf Creek Youth: Ch. Shaynah Seames/Rio Wolf Creek, Res. Paige Gammon/Dually Adult Novice: Ch. Shelby Gammon/Bea Steady Doc, Res. Randy Grondin/Duke Adult: Ch. Keely Padham/Joe, Res. Sam Lindley/Mouse Open: Ch. Denise Eastman/Colonel's Dual Boon, Res. Shaynah Seames/Rio Wolf Creek Pairs: Ch. Sam Lindley/Mouse and Pam Tobin/Cody, Res. Shaynah Seames/Rio Wolf Creek and Paige Garcia/Colonel's Dual Boon.

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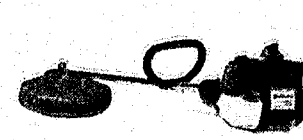
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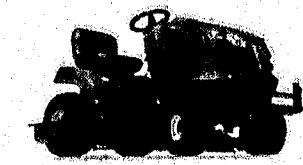
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Enrichment opportunities for the children in SAD #44

From the Director

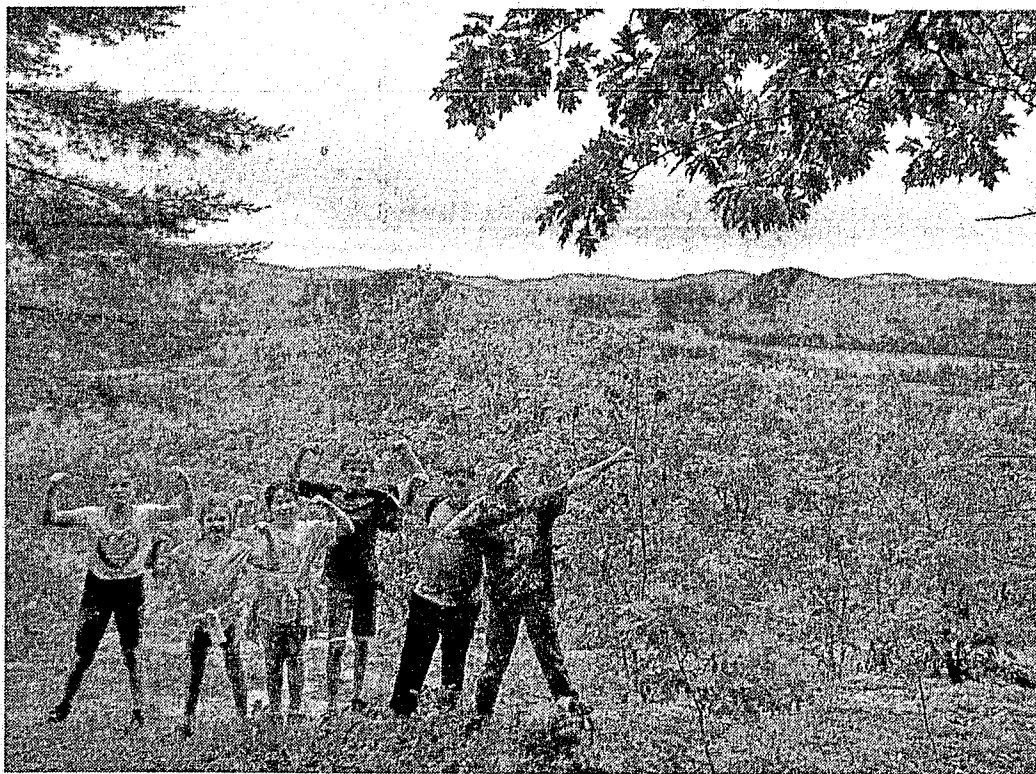
Welcome to MKA Summer Adventure! We are loving our "Board Walk" Theme this year. The kids are having a great time playing games like Candyland, Chutes & Ladders, Monopoly and Sorry.

Our field trips have been awesome with destinations like the Children's Museum, Happy Wheels, The Discovery Weather Center, and Bowling. We are looking forward to going to Scarborough Beach and the Portland Sea Dogs game.

MKA became a Red Cross Swimming Center this summer and Tera Ingraham is offering swimming lessons to our campers. Thanks to the River-view Resort for the use of the pool. We plan to offer lessons again during the fall and spring through our after-school program.

Thanks to Northeast Bank for giving the proceeds to the Mollycodd Dunk tank to Mahoosuc Kids. We appreciate the partnership. I hope everyone continues to have a great summer.

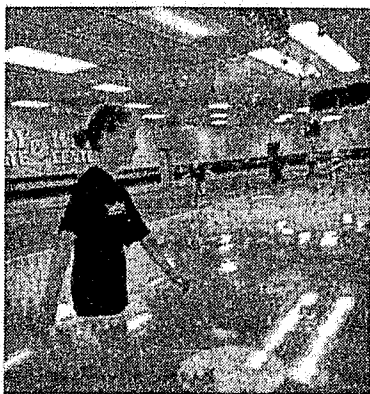
Julie Hart,
MKA Director



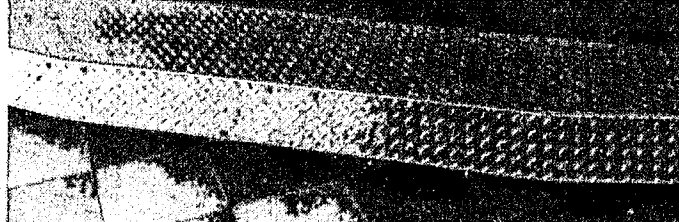
The Pioneers made it to the top of Buck's Ledge.



Madisyn Bean enjoys swimming at the Letter S.



On Wednesday, July 9th, half of our Troopers went roller skating at Happy Wheels in Westbrook.



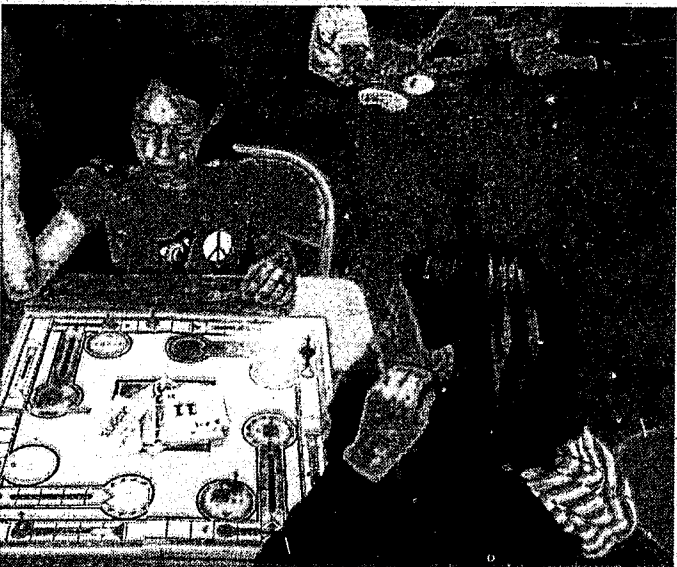
Mackenzie Zitoli having fun at the Children's Museum.



Tera with a group of Explorers at the mines in Greenwood.



The Explorers make landscape collages during the Mini Monet's enrichment block.



Isabella DeVivio and Beth Perry play Sorry during the Morning Jam.



Monday morning flag ceremony.



Reece and Olivia enjoy the life sized game of Candy Land.

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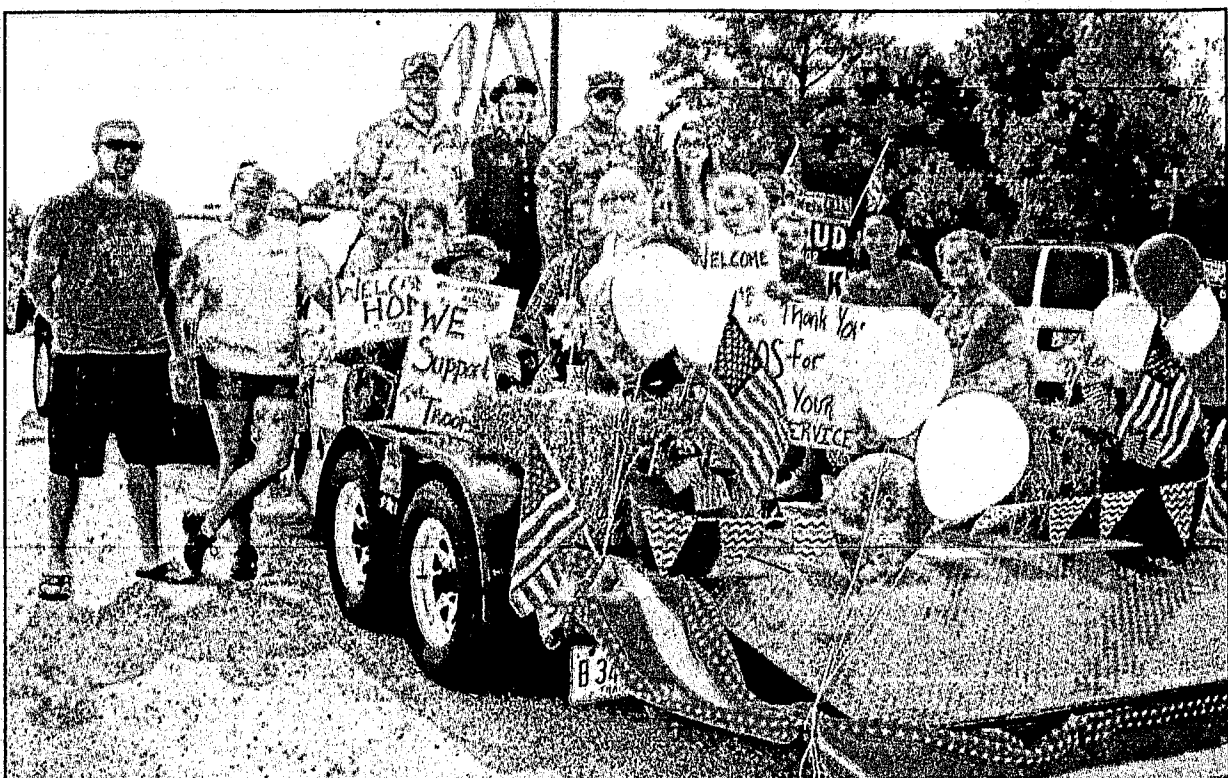
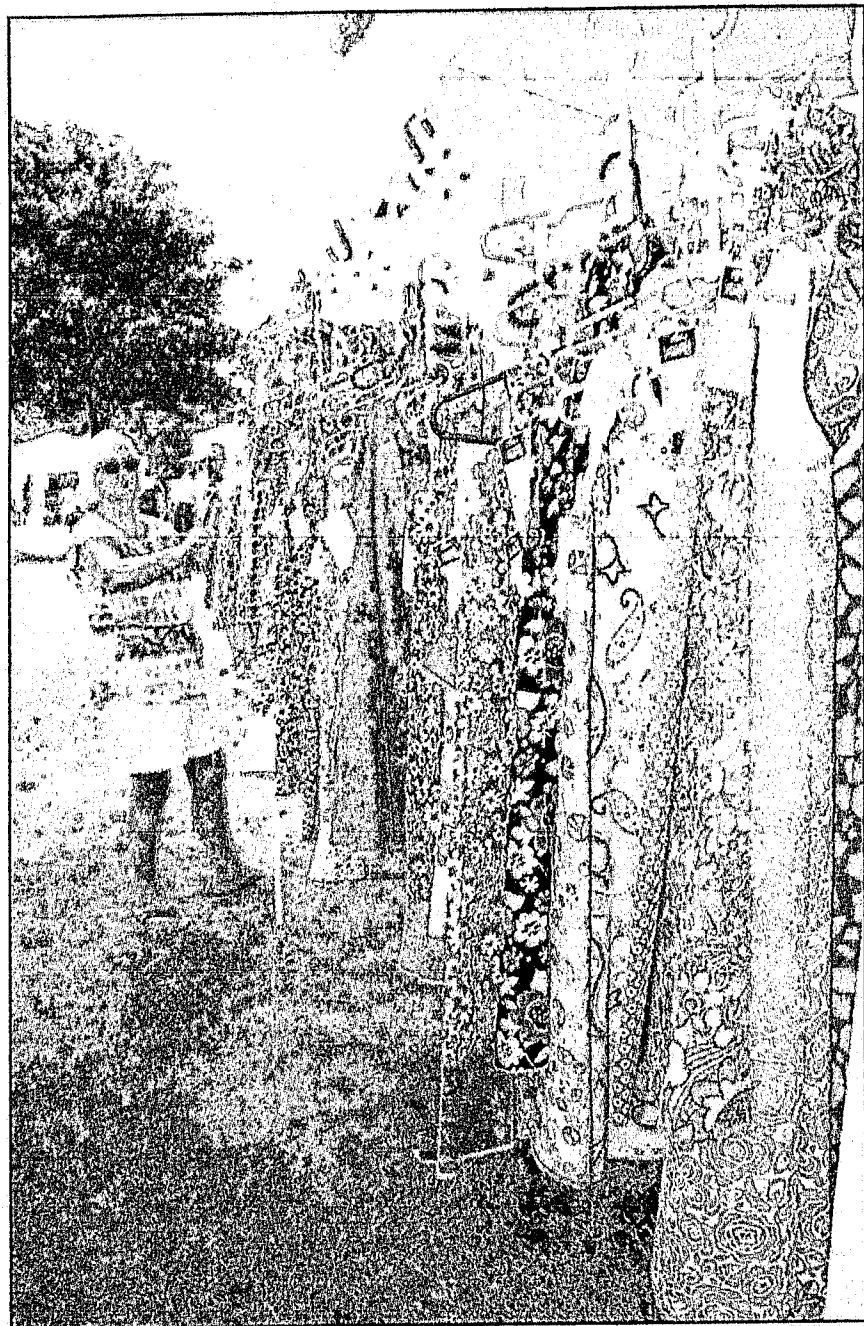
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MollyOckett Days 2014



A big crowd turned out last Saturday for MollyOckett Days in Bethel. Clockwise, from top left: vendors' stands on the Common and on Main Street were popular; floats in the parade included tributes to military veterans and the late dance teacher, Sue Farrar; a dog watches the events from a stroller; fireworks; the frog jumping contest; the parade on Main Street. The float contest winners were: 1. Callie Pecunies; 2. Funky Red Barn; 3. Bethel Alliance Church. Results of the frog-jumping contest were: 1. Run Ruffino, Texas, 9'5"; 2. (tie) Oceana Tanguay and Meile Fox, Bethel, 9'1"; Shortest jump: Orion Fournier, Bethel, 1'.

Fireworks, Austin Bear; others, A. Aloisio



Mollyockett Chorus Summer Roadshow

After a successful trip to the Sweet Adelines Region 1 Competition in April, the Mollyockett Chorus is now presenting its 2014 Roadshow, "Big Hair."

The show is set in a hair salon - "The Big Tease" - where customers and stylists talk about life and sing a series of familiar (and not so familiar) barbershop harmony tunes including the theme song, "Big Hair." Some of the more familiar tunes include "At Last," "I Believe in Music," "Crazy," and a medley of "Goody, Goody" and "Who's Sorry Now," and audiences will delight in the more humorous numbers like "I

Feel a Flash Coming On" and "Diet Riot."

"Big Hair" will be presented as part of the Poland Spring Concert Series at the Brick Church in Lovell, July 24 and at the Denmark Arts Center, July 26.

Under the direction of Bonnie Fox, the chorus includes the following members from Bethel, Rumford, Waterford, Lovell, Norway, South Paris, Oxford, Hebron, Bridgton and Naples: Deborah Andrews, Cheryl Barker, Andrea Bennett, Merry Childs, Janet Coverdale, Joan Eriker, Jolan Ippolito, Susan Leunig, Deborah Luxton, Nancy McNulty, Marilyn

Newell, Debra Nichols, Valerie Saurer, and Jan Ward.

The Mollyockett Chorus is a Region 1 Chapter of the Sweet Adelines International. They have been singing barbershop harmony since 1996. Barbershop harmony is a musical style sung without accompaniment by bass, baritone, lead, and tenor voices. Rehearsals are on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints on the Skeetfield Road in Oxford. New members are always welcomed. For more information about the call 207-345-3100 or visit their website, www.mollyockettchorus.org.



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MollyOckett Days Classic Five-Mile Race results

1 Scott Burns West Chester PA 28:29.4	23 Jack Murphy Watertown CT 40:18.9	44 Kate Dudek Cordova TN 44:26.9	65 Kim Crawford Franklinville NJ 52:13.7
2 Tim Mallard Brighton MA 29:25.9	24 Lori Dana Solon ME 40:35.8	45 Jennifer Yankowsky Gray ME 44:31.5	66 Bridget Cole Palmyra PA 52:29.4
3 Fred Bailey Andover ME 29:58.8	25 Andrew Tan Cheadle Hulme UNK 40:45.0	46 Kim Roberts Melrose MA 44:37.1	67 Luke Gibbons Westfield NJ 53:34.5
4 Kevin Cole Palmyra PA 30:56.7	26 Saul Sola New York NY 40:50.5	47 Patricia Everett W Bridgewater MA 44:44.4	68 Mason Lorah Boyertown PA 53:42.2
5 Logan Wilson Lanesborough MA 31:49.4	27 Mike Scholl Orlando FL 40:54.5	48 Anna Preuss Leawood KS 44:50.2	69 Matt Stanton Boxford MA 55:21.8
6 Andrew Siegel Bethel ME 33:25.9	28 Terri Gibbons Frederick MD 41:06.0	49 Karon McCaffrey Franklinville NJ 45:36.7	70 Faith Stanton Boxford MA 55:21.9
7 Danielle Burns West Chester PA 33:37.7	29 Susan Vogt Brooks Benton ME 41:15.8	50 Shannon Kenney-Calderwood Union ME 45:58.9	71 Sarah Davidson Manchester NH 55:22.0
8 Kirk Siegel Bethel ME 33:58.9	30 Alexander Spadinger South Portland ME 41:31.1	51 Monica Fournier Warrington PA 46:13.9	72 Heidi Perry Carefree AZ 55:22.2
9 Clint Myers Bryant Pond ME 34:18.5	31 Mike Fournier Warrington PA 41:50.2	52 Michael Lettera Westbury NY 46:25.3	73 Wendy Wilke New York NY 55:33.0
10 Andrew Roberts Melrose MA 34:43.3	32 Erica Dudek Cordova TN 41:50.3	53 Stephen Biles Yorktown VA 46:32.3	74 Ben Endyke Hingham MA 55:50.9
11 Barry Dana Solon ME 34:55.0	33 Carly Roberts Melrose MA 41:51.7	54 Kate McGregor Durham NH 46:50.0	75 Caitlin Doherty Quincy MA 55:56.8
12 David Wilson Lanesborough MA 35:28.8	34 Michael Lincoln Bethel ME 42:28.8	55 Max Crawford Franklinville NJ 47:55.1	76 Paul Everett W Bridgewater MA 56:08.3
13 Heidi Godomsky Bethel ME 35:52.1	35 Richard Roy Concord NH 42:37.7	56 Acadia Calderwood Union ME 48:15.0	77 Elizabeth Bond Baltimore MD 56:29.2
14 Matthew Bennett Bethel ME 36:21.3	36 Kristin Otten Bethel ME 43:07.6	57 Fred Trudo Newry ME 48:31.8	78 Sarah Bragdon Tampa FL 56:34.7
15 Karl Moulton Saco ME 36:22.1	37 Nimo Parikh Salem NH 43:34.4	58 Hilary Twaddell Bethel ME 48:33.1	79 Zachary Bragdon Tampa FL 56:34.8
16 Jennifer Jaeger Denver CO 37:17.2	38 Wendy Glazier San Marino CA 43:53.5	59 Jennie Edwards Bryant Pond ME 49:11.5	80 Alison Scholl Proctorville OH 56:42.1
17 Mark Jaeger Denver CO 37:17.4	39 Brie Weisman Rumford ME 44:02.4	60 Samantha Avis Glastonbury CT 49:28.3	81 Lisa Champlin Hanover ME 57:38.9
18 Michael Scholl Proctorville OH 38:03.9	40 Jon Starr Rumford ME 44:03.0	61 Stacey Fournier Keene NH 49:35.6	82 Jackie Ecker Malden MA 58:27.4
19 Hayden Libby Poland ME 39:24.5	41 Chris Balaschak Saint Augustine FL 44:04.5	62 Pamela Bennett Kennebunk ME 50:05.7	83 Patricia Cole Palmyra PA 1:00:06.8
20 Ted McKnight Jericho VT 39:36.9	42 Matthew McCaffrey Franklinville NJ 44:10.9	63 Rylie Burke Chester NH 51:27.5	
21 Timothy Cole Palmyra PA 40:00.7	43 Matthew Alford Wayland MA 44:19.0	64 Shanta Hoff Bethel ME 51:50.2	
22 Ben Mallard Providence RI 40:15.6			

MollyOckett Days Classic One-Mile Race results

1 Silas Frary Concord NH 5:45.2	17 Luke Hayward Bethel ME 7:21.3	33 Cole Kaiser Westwood MA 8:18.2	49 Jeremiah Bennett Gray ME 10:03.5
2 Madison Bevin Louisville KY 6:27.6	18 Klersten Bennett Gray ME 7:21.8	34 Owen McAnuff Cape Elizabeth ME 8:20.8	50 Alexander Chase Bethel ME 10:13.1
3 Gregory Melone Newry ME 6:50.7	19 Nicker Godomsky Bethel ME 7:21.8	35 Abigail Schott Nashua NH 8:30.4	51 Tabitha Hanks Bethel ME 10:30.5
4 Aidan Hastings Littleton NH 6:55.1	20 Quin Burke Chester NH 7:23.7	36 Lindsey Keen Bethel ME 8:32.8	52 Anna Moulton Saco ME 10:32.6
5 Rachel Melone Newry ME 7:00.9	21 Colin Burke Chester NH 7:26.6	37 Ella Bernard Middleton MA 8:33.8	53 Eli Sanford Lewiston ME 10:36.6
6 Isaac Bevin Louisville KY 7:02.0	22 Janie Brooks Benton ME 7:30.3	38 Mae Hoff Bethel ME 8:40.3	54 William Doyle Bethel ME 10:44.9
7 Andrew Schott Nashua NH 7:10.6	23 Katie Bernard Middleton MA 7:39.0	39 Lincoln McCaffrey Franklinville NJ 8:44.4	55 Teddy Doyle Bethel ME 10:48.1
8 Parker Libby Topsham ME 7:10.6	24 Emma Humbert Christiana PA 7:50.8	40 Patrick McCallum Creve Coeur MO 8:50.9	56 Julia Bragdon Tampa FL 11:07.7
9 Tyler Duncan Westport CT 7:12.7	25 Cooper Perry Carefree AZ 7:50.9	41 Mackenzie Kaiser Westwood MA 8:56.8	57 Dylan Sanford Lewiston ME 11:25.6
10 Isabel Chase Bethel ME 7:14.1	26 Sophia Bevin Louisville KY 7:53.7	42 Jonah Bevin Louisville KY 9:07.0	58 Hazel Balaschak Saint Augustine FL 11:37.2
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(For complete results, including age groups, go to <http://www.bethelmaine.com/uploads/pdf/MollyOckett%20Days%20Classic-2014%20Results.pdf>)

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

District Exchange; Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4 p.m., Thursday 4 to 6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours – No exceptions. FMI: 824-4090. Clothing may also be left at Northeast Bank, Main Street, Bethel Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Bethel Area Food Pantry; serving the residents of Albany, Andover, Bethel, East Bethel, West Bethel, Bryant Pond, Gilead, Greenwood, Hanover, Locke's Mills, Mason Township, Newry, Upton and Woodstock. The Food Pantry is open on the second Monday of each month from noon to 8 p.m. Anyone in need of food should come during those hours, without appointment. The Food pantry is located in the basement of the Nazarene Church, 16 Church Street, Bethel, by the side entrance on Park Street.

Concerts on Andover Common; 6 to 8 p.m. every other Friday, July 11 through Sept. 5. Free concerts featuring local musicians. FMI: Pete Coudige at Pete's Hardware (392-1028, closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays).

Thursday, July 24

Public Supper; Albany Church, Hunts Corner Road, Albany. Doors open at 5 p.m., supper at 5:30. \$7 per person, \$4 ages 12 and under.

"Big Hair" by the Mollyockett Chorus; 7:30 p.m., Lovell Brick Church for the Performing Arts, 502 Christian Hill Road, Lovell. Adults/\$10, children 12 and under/\$5. Refreshments will be served. FMI: www.lovellbrickchurch.org or 925-1500.

Friday, July 25

Firefighter's Fish Fry; 3 to 7 p.m., Greenwood fire station, Howe Hill Road, Greenwood.

July 26 and 27

Countryfolk Youth Music Scholarship Weekend; Saturday: Open mic 10 to noon, Country Jamboree noon to 7. Sunday: Cowboy Church 10 to 11 a.m., music noon to 6 p.m., scholarships 1 p.m. FMI: Larry Bisbee (645-4411).

Saturday, July 26

Bake Sale/Flea Market; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., North Waterford Church (on Route 35, across from Melby's eatery). Tables available for your sales at \$10. Call Milly Millett (583-2822) to reserve.

Yankee Brass Band Concert; 2 p.m., Mason House side lawn, 14 Broad Street, Bethel. The Yankee Brass Band includes approximately 20 to 25 members who perform with period instruments, authentic reproductions of 19th century "uniforms," and historically informed arrangements of music from the second half of the 19th century. Performances last approximately 50 to 75 minutes without intermission. Free admission, donations to the Bethel Historical Society welcome.

Big Barn Family Show/Spectacular; Family Show/2 p.m., Spectacular/8 p.m., Celebration Barn, 190 Stock Farm Road, South Paris. Tickets: Family Show/\$10, Spectacular/\$15 – advance purchase is recommended. FMI: 743-8452 or www.celebrationbarn.com.

"Big Hair" by the Mollyockett Chorus; 7:30 p.m., Denmark Arts Center, 50 West Main Street, Denmark.

Monday, July 28

SeniorsPlus; 1 to 4 p.m., Fryeburg Public Library. Representatives from SeniorsPlus, the Area Agency on Aging, will be on hand to answer any questions or concerns you may have. Free and open to the public. FMI/appointments: 1-800-427-1241.

Wednesday, July 30

Community Supper (No Charge); 4:30 to 6 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walkers Mills Road (across from the Telstar parking lot). Call 207-824-2289 for details.

Thursday, July 31

"Chicken-Fried Sushi: Stories to Nourish Your Soul" by Eshu Bumpus and Motoko; 7:30 p.m., the Brick Church for the Performing Arts, Christian Hill Road (just off Route 5), Lovell. Tickets available at the door: \$10/adults, \$5/children 12 and under. Refreshments will be served. FMI: www.lovellbrickchurch.org or 925-1500.

Aug. 1, 2 and 3

Andover Olde Home Days; Parade, antique car displays, exhibits, art and flower shows, crafts, firemen's muster, horse show, plenty of food and music. FMI: 392-4311 or andoverjournal.net.

Aug. 2 and 3

Back to the Past Celebration; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Scribner's Mill, Scribner's Mill Road, Harrison. Traditional freehand-cut silhouettes, \$20 (reservations for sittings recommended, 539-2921), straw broom maker, spinners, weavers, historic quilts and more. Crafts and ice cream

making for kids, music and food booth from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 2

Annual Blueberry Festival; 7:30 to 11:30 a.m., Locke's Mills Union Church. Pancakes, sundaes, pies, blueberries, etc.

Preparing for Birth Class; 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Harpers Conference Room, Ripley Medical Office Building, 193 Main Street, Norway. Hilary Ware, RN, will facilitate a group of expectant parents as they learn about the labor and delivery experience, exploring how to relax and flow with labor through breathing and relaxation techniques as well as information on making a birth plan, comfort measures, stages of labor and cesarean delivery. Preregistration with \$35 payment or MaineCare info required. FMI/Registration: 743-1562 ext. 6951 or www.wmhcc.org.

Mad Science Fire and Ice Show; 11 a.m. to noon, Maine Wildlife Park, Gray. Children will explore the 3 states of matter and learn about the amazing properties of fire and combustion. All Mad Science shows provide live, interactive and compelling educational experiences that make learning a blast! FMI: 657-4977 or www.mainewildlifepark.com.

Nighttime Gymkhana Horse Show; 3 p.m. 'til under the lights, Ellis River Riders, Andover. Barrel racing, pole bending and other games. Riders of all ages and abilities will race against the clock to complete the patterns. Free to spectators with stadium style bleachers, enclosed kiddie playground, and home cooked and fair style food for purchase. FMI: www.ellisriverriders.com.

Carl Vee, back by popular demand; 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Bryant Pond Gazebo.

Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31

Free Concerts; 4 p.m., the Bethel Common. Rain or shine. FMI: MahoosucArts.org or 824-3575.

Sunday, Aug. 3

Deadline to request menu item for Legion annual picnic; Call Bob Everett (836-2038) or Bob McCartney (836-3575). See Aug. 10 listing for more info.

Pleasure/Equitation Horse Show; 9 a.m., Ellis River Riders, Andover. Riders of all ages and abilities will show their horsemanship skills through rail work and patterns. Free to spectators with stadium style bleachers, enclosed kiddie playground, and home cooked and fair style food for purchase. FMI: www.ellisriverriders.com.

Upton Cruizahs 6th Annual Car Show; New Balance Factory Store, Route 26, Oxford. Registration: 7:30 to 11 a.m., \$5 per car. Free admission for spectators. Donations gratefully accepted. Three awards in each of 28 classes. Proceeds benefit local organizations. FMI: Les Wing (890-0870) or Dan Tripp (743-8073).

Aug. 4 through 8

Vacation Bible Adventure; 6 to 8:30 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walkers Mills Road (across from the Telstar parking lot). This year's theme is "Weird Animals – Where Jesus' love is one-of-a-kind." For children four-years through grade five. FMI: 207-824-2289.

Monday, Aug. 4

Socrates Café Meeting; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Waterford Library. Topic: End of life issues. Moderator: Sally Chapell. Light refreshments are provided. FMI: 583-6957.

Wednesday, Aug. 6

An Afternoon with Tucker Carlson; 4 p.m. Carlson, co-host of Fox News Channel's "Fox & Friends" will give a presentation entitled "What to Expect in Politics." All locally registered Republicans and their invited guests are welcome. Space is limited and no one will be admitted without an RSVP. FMI/RSVP: 665-2049.

Thursday, Aug. 7

Public Supper; Albany Church, Hunts Corner Road, Albany. Doors open at 5 p.m., supper at 5:30. \$7 per person, \$4 ages 12 and under.

Andover Public Hearing; 7 p.m., Andover Town Hall. Public hearing on the withdrawal agreement between SAD 44 and the Town of Andover Withdrawal Committee.

Saturday, Aug. 9

MLT Gourmet Hike; 9:30 a.m., Whitecap trailhead off the East Andover Road. Hikers are asked to bring water, hiking/rain gear and a mountain gourmet dish of choice to share with other hikers. RSVP requested. FMI/RSVP: Call 824-3806 or e-mail mlt@mahoosuc.org.

Child Safety Seat Inspection; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Norway Fire Dept. Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians will be available to provide free, hands-on seat inspections. Bringing the child is advised, but not required. FMI: Carol Welsh (743-1562 ext. 6951).

Sunday, Aug. 10

Mundt-Allen Post 81 Annual Picnic; 12 p.m., 81 Vernon Street. Please call to request chicken or steak by Sunday, Aug. 3. FMI/Menu request: Bob Everett (836-2038) or Bob McCartney (836-3575).

Monday, Aug. 11

Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over; 10 a.m., Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3703 or <http://meoc.maine.edu>. Free and open to the public.

Mahoosuc Community Band Concert; 7 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel. An end of summer concert celebrating the band's 20th year. Refreshments to be served. Donations accepted.

Wednesday, Aug. 13

Bethel Senior Citizens Meeting/Picnic; 11 a.m., Stony Brook Camping Area, Hanover. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be furnished. Members will bring either a salad or dessert to share. Reservations must be made before Aug. 1 by calling Arlene Lowell at 824-2877.

Saturday, Aug. 16

Upton Fun Day; 7 a.m. breakfast, Ladies Aid building. 9:30 a.m. parade line-up at Pat Kenyon's (142 Thistle Street). 10 a.m. Parade from 142 Thistle Street, merchandise, food vendors and children's carnival open. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. DVD show of logging in the past and Upton Historical Society display at Upton School House. 1 to 3 p.m. Chinese Auction viewing, Upton House Barn (260 Thistle Street). 2 p.m. cake and ice cream, Ladies Aid building and drawing for quilt raffle. 3 p.m. Chinese Auction (must be present to win). 5 p.m. Upton Union Church service with Rev. Jane C. Rich.

Arts and Artisans Fair; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., New Suncook School gym, Route 5, Lovell. Dozens of juried craftspeople in many media will donate a percentage of their sales to benefit the Charlotte Hobbs Library. This event also includes a large book sale, homemade refreshments and a raffle of artwork donated by 10 of the participating artists. Free admission. FMI: Visit www.hobbslibrary.org (click on the Arts and Artisans link) or e-mail aafair@hobbslibrary.org.

St. Jude's Charity Ride; Ellis River Rider's show grounds, Andover. FMI: Tim Tobin (trails@ellisriverriders.com).

Monday, Aug. 18

Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over; 10 a.m., Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3703 or <http://meoc.maine.edu>. Free and open to the public.

Thursday, Aug. 21

Cruise Night; 5:30 p.m., Breaux's Too parking lot, Bryant Pond. Live music by Carl Vee from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. FMI: 665-2554.

Saturday, Aug. 23

Blue Trail Ride; Ellis River Riders show grounds, Andover. FMI: Anita Altmaier (491-5805).

Saturday, Aug. 30

Pleasure/Equitation Horse Show; 9 a.m., Ellis River Riders, Andover. Showmanship, in-hand, trail, and equitation classes. Riders of all ages and abilities will show their horsemanship skills through rail work and patterns. Free to spectators with stadium style bleachers, enclosed kiddie playground, and home cooked and fair style food for purchase. FMI: www.ellisriverriders.com.

Sunday, Aug. 31

Gymkhana Horse Show; 9 a.m., Ellis River Riders, Andover. Barrel racing, pole bending, and other games. Riders of all ages and abilities will race against the clock to complete the patterns. Free to spectators with stadium style bleachers, enclosed kiddie playground, and home cooked and fair style food for purchase. FMI: www.ellisriverriders.com.

Wednesday, Sept. 10

Bethel Senior Citizens Meeting/Luncheon; 11 a.m., the Funky Red Barn, Bethel. Menu: Fish or prime rib. Price: \$12. Reservations must be made before Sept. 1 by calling Arlene Lowell at 824-2877.

Saturday, Sept. 13

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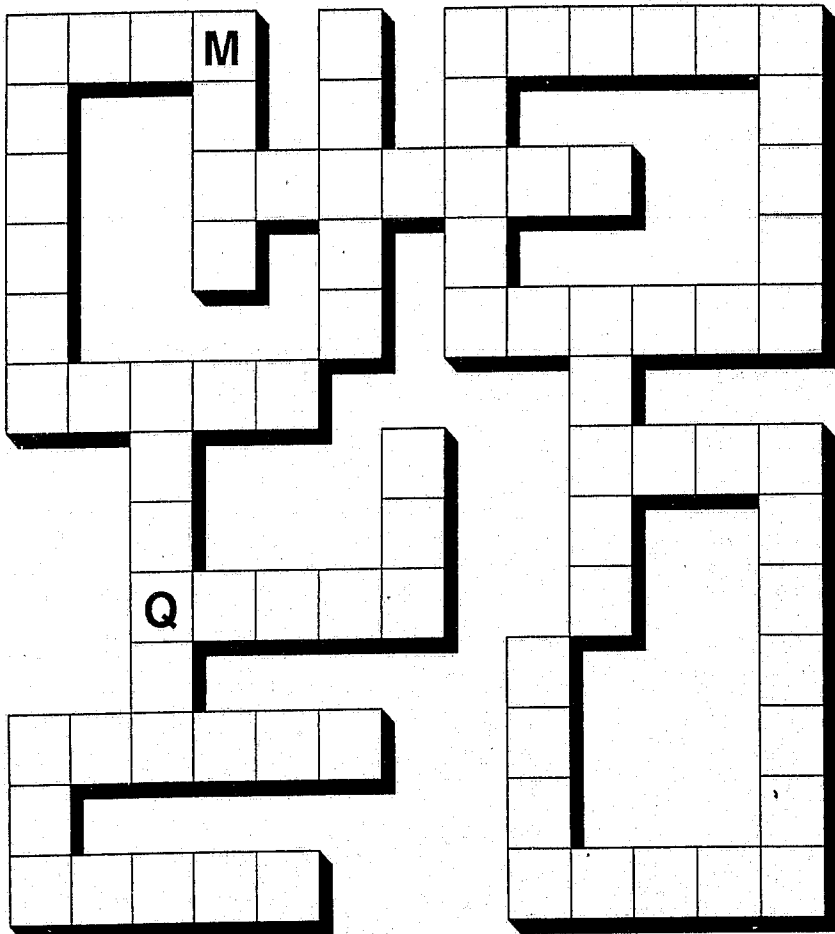
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by Helene Hovanec

CRISSCROSS – ADJECTIVES

Each word will fit into one spot in the grid. Use the starting letters as a guide and fit each word into its spot. All words will be used, so cross off each one after you put it into the grid.

- 3 Letters
- FAT
SHY
- 4 Letters
- CALM
CUTE
MANY
SOFT
- 5 Letters
- EAGER
EQUAL
FIRST
NASTY
QUIET
SHORT
YOUNG
YUMMY
- 6 Letters
- CHILLY
SIMPLE
SLEEPY
TENDER
UNIQUE
- 7 Letters
- NERVOUS
TYPICAL

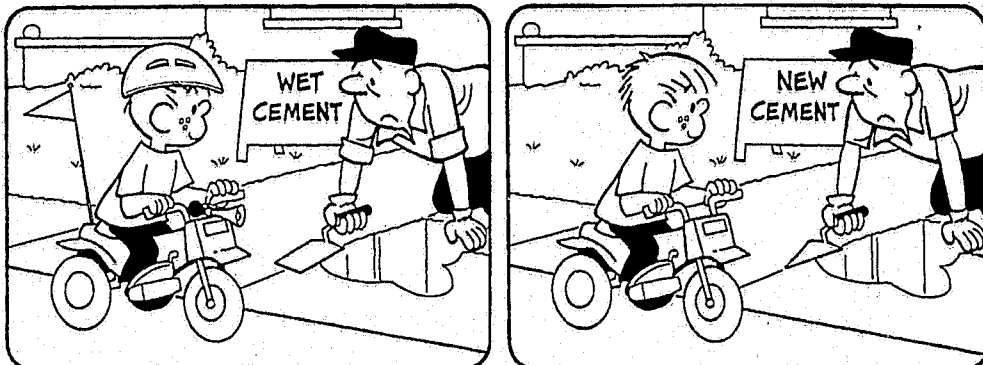


For more puzzle fun, go to www.brainzzles.com

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



- Differences:
1. Flag is missing. 2. Helmet is missing. 3. Horn is missing. 4. Sign is different. 5. Towel is different. 6. Sleeve cuffs are missing.

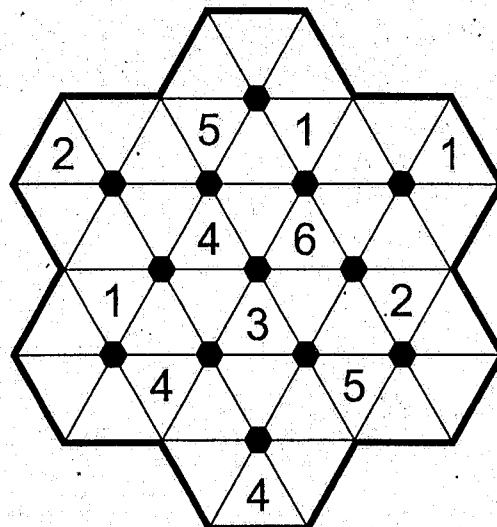
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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the number 1-6 around each of them.

No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Obsess

TEAFIX

Tally

OSCER

Score

FIRTYPE

Entire

LOTTA

TODAY'S WORD

Super Crossword

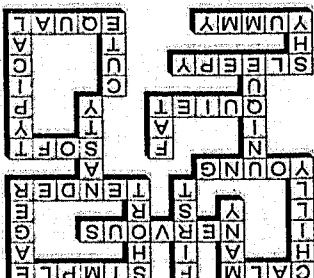
GAME-TIME DECISION

- ACROSS
- 1 Serves onto a plate
- 10 Feeling blue
- 13 Poultry parts
- 20 She played Gwen Stacy in "The Amazing Spider-Man"
- 21 Quick — flash
- 22 Quickly, in music
- 23 Cakewalk
- 25 Mud thrower, say
- 26 Subjects of Genghis Khan
- 27 Pod animals
- 29 Gunpowder ingredient
- 30 Pianist
- 31 1983 Bryan Adams hit
- 35 Take steps concerning
- 38 They might sit next to coffeepots
- 39 Adult fellows
- 40 Wind ensemble instrument
- 44 Building tops
- 46 Never, in German
- 47 Pal of Ernie
- 48 One of a trio in a tub
- 53 Puzzle cube creator Rubik
- 54 They roll as films finish
- 55 Connection
- 56 "I never — Purple Cow"
- 58 Geller of Israel
- 59 Max who played Jethro
- 61 Big Ten org.
- 63 Rene of "Ransom"
- 67 Cardinal, e.g.
- 68 Point at which patience has run out
- 73 Scanner of bar codes; Abbr.
- 74 Knot
- 76 Nitwit
- 77 Soprano solo
- 78 Barracks bed
- 79 Solicits
- 82 Get — (throw away)
- 85 Film dancer
- 87 "Hey, over this way!"
- 90 Influential
- 1975 Edward Abbey novel, with "The"
- 193 Italian capital
- 94 Blood-typing system
- 95 Overhang
- 96 Literary lioness
- 97 Man-mouse linkup
- 98 Caribbean island nation
- 102 Pee Wee of the diamond
- 104 2005 Grammy-winning rock supergroup
- 107 Three-piece suit parts
- 112 D sharp's equivalent
- 113 Neck-to-waist areas
- 114 Get ready
- 116 Rejection
- 119 Theme of this puzzle
- 122 Direct route
- 123 "Mad Men" cable chan.
- 124 Cleared by jumping
- 125 Left in, to a proofreader
- 126 Tell untruths
- 127 Hatelut ones
- 4 Couldn't help but
- 5 Seville's land, to Sevillians
- 6 Agitate
- 7 Klutz's cry
- 8 "A," in Nice
- 9 Private eye, informally
- 10 Least nutty
- 11 Three-sharp musical sequence
- 12 Bright garden flower
- 13 Krypton, e.g.
- 14 Not healthy
- 15 Loses a stare-down
- 16 Old Soviet premier
- 17 Cook's hourglass
- 18 It has fronds and a trunk
- 19 Italian port
- 24 Suffix with Marx or Mao
- 28 Malodorous mammal
- 31 Geezer
- 32 Not qualified
- 33 Some Native Americans
- 34 "It's the end of —"
- 36 King Minos, for one
- 37 Chuckled
- 40 Transpires
- 87 Pithy sayings
- 88 Post-hiking problem
- 89 Nominal charge
- 91 Sextet plus a trio
- 92 Pulitzer-winning critic
- 98 Catches on
- 99 Open assertion
- 100 Fa lead-in
- 101 — Lorraine (French region)
- 103 Incidents
- 105 Burial area
- 106 Big gun
- 108 Disney World park
- 109 Bum soother
- 110 More factual
- 111 Crystal ball gazers
- 114 Jr.-year exam
- 115 With 120- and 86-Down, what centenarians live to
- 117 Meth-ender
- 118 Conducted
- 120 See 115-Down
- 121 Formerly, name-wise



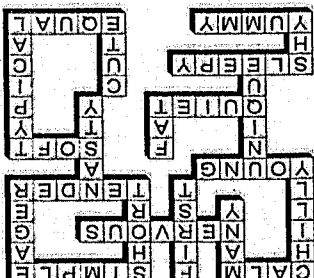
Kids' Maze Solution

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Today's Word:
3. Fertility; 4. Total
solution
SCRAMBLERS



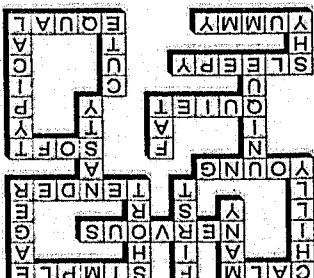
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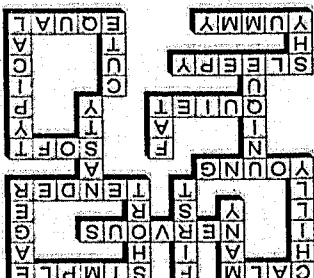
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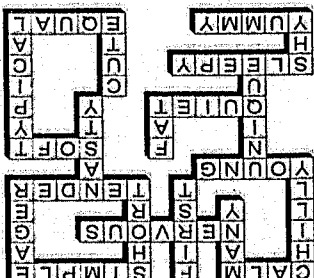
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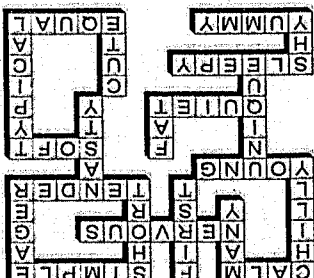
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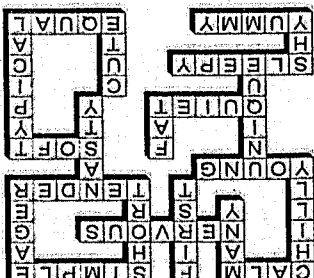
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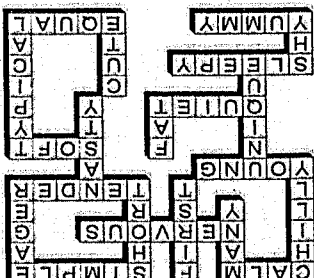
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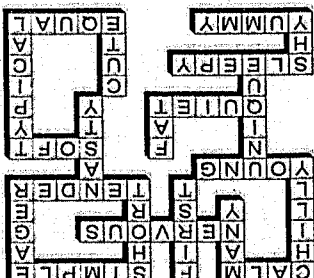
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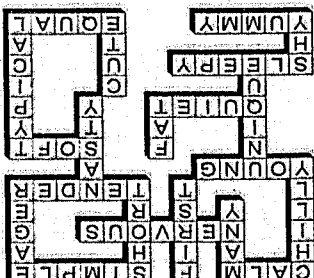
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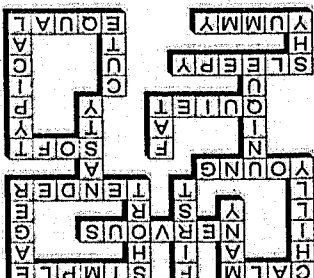
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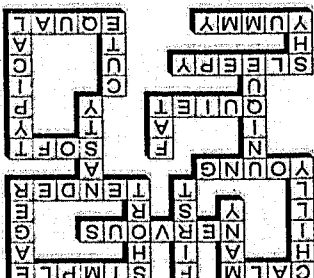
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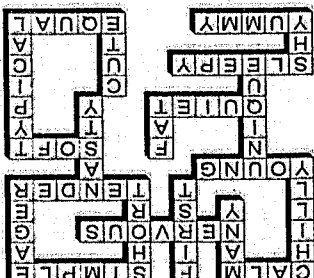
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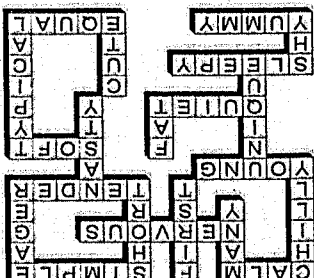
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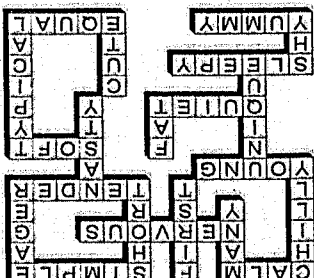
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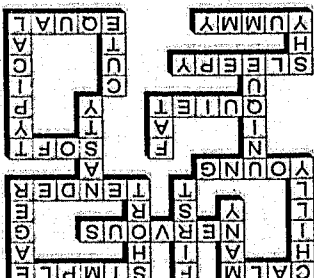
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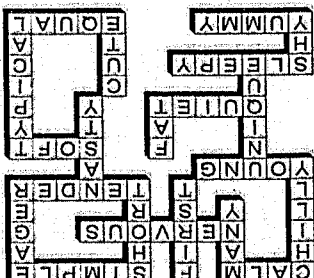
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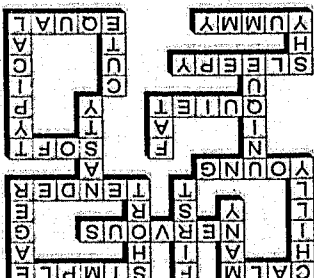
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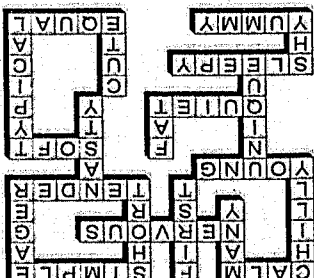
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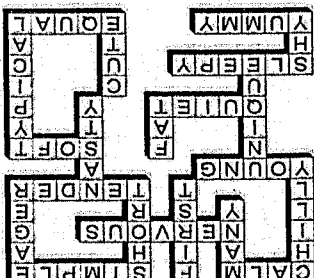
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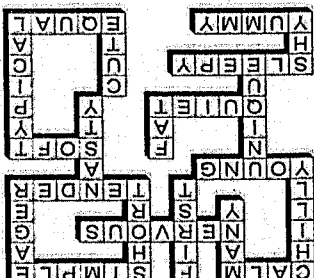
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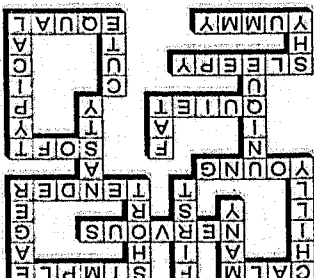
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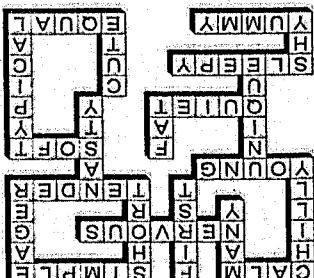
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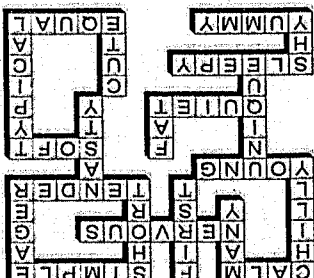
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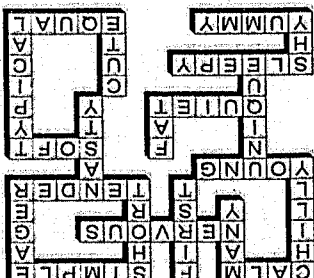
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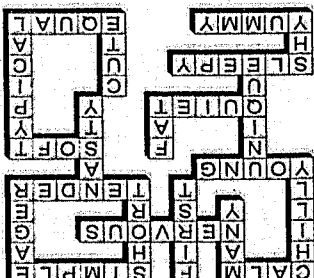
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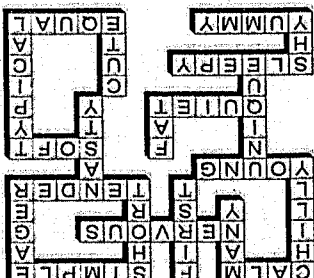
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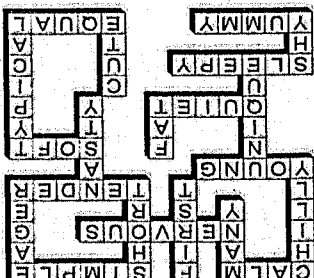
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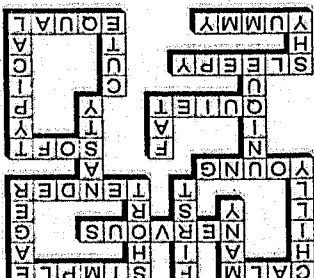
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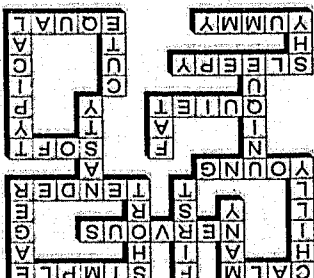
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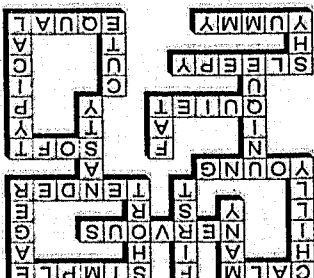
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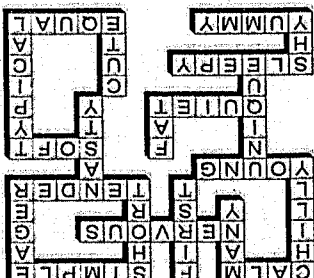
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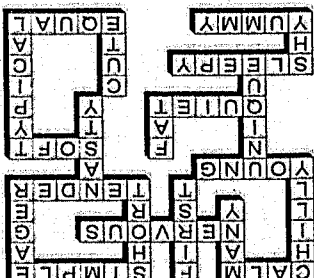
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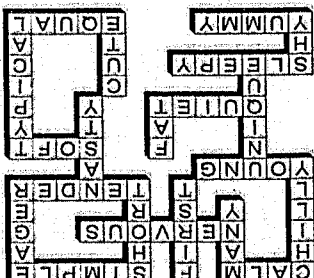
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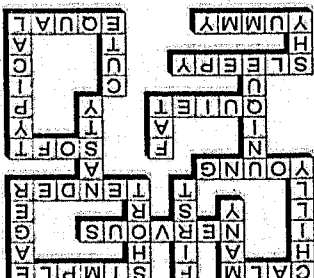
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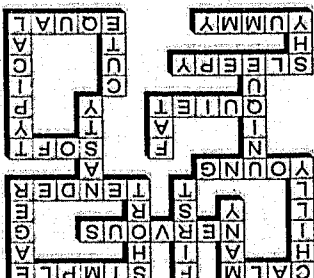
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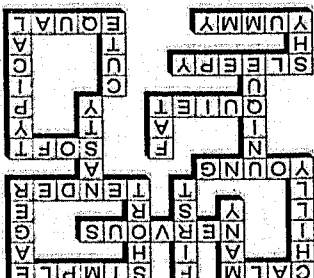
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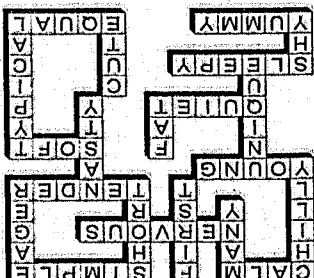
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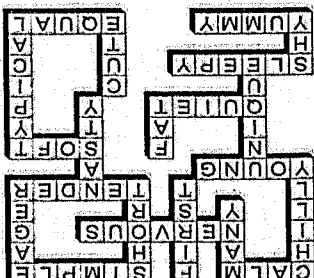
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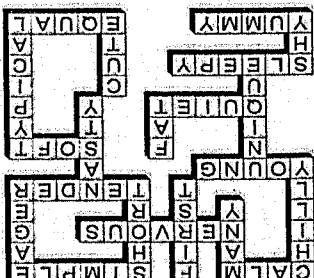
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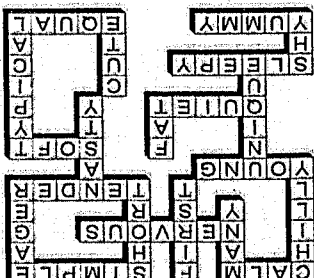
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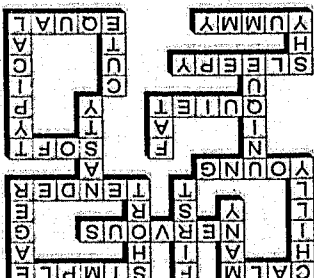
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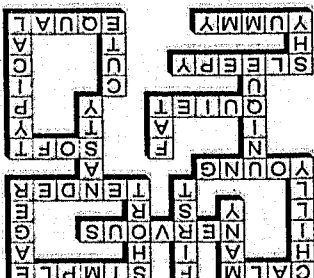
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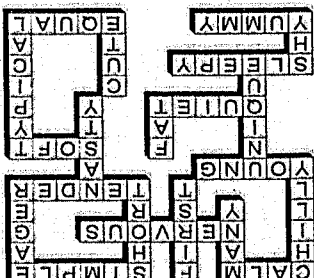
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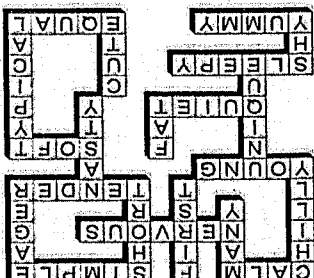
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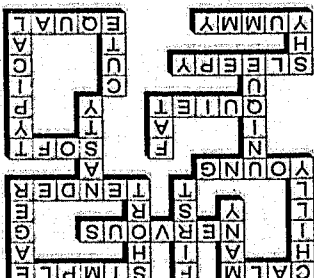
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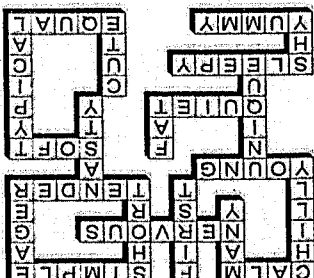
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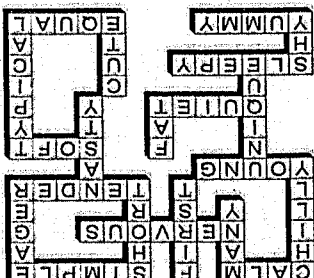
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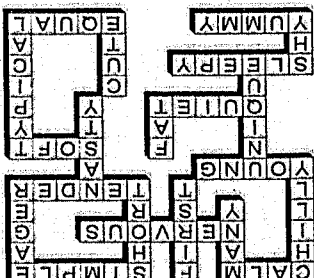
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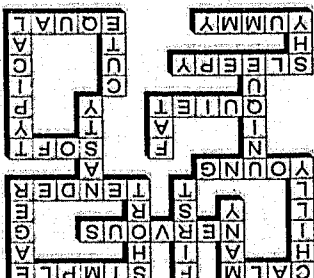
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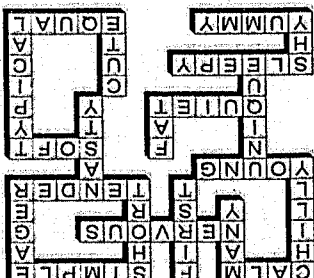
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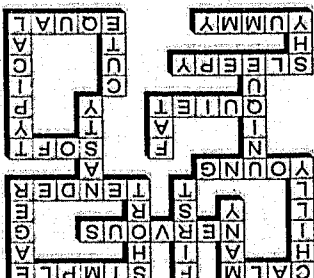
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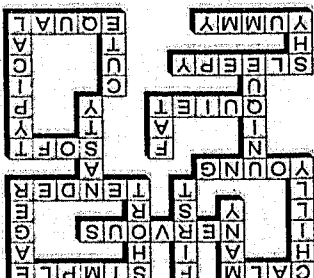
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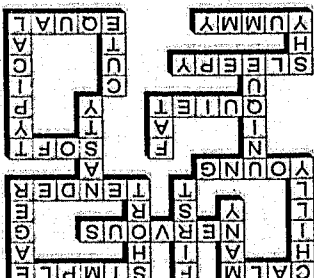
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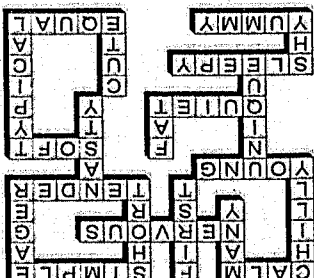
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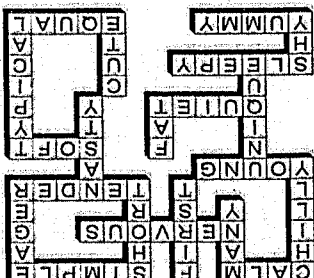
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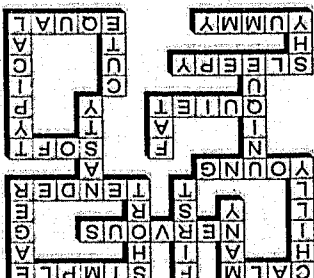
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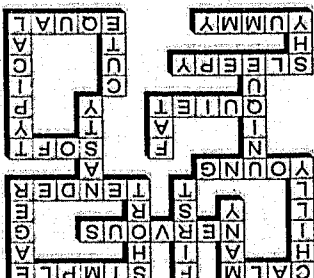
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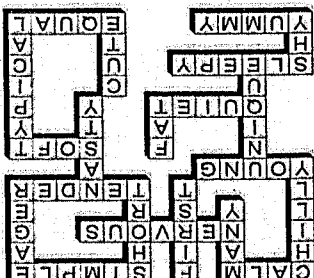
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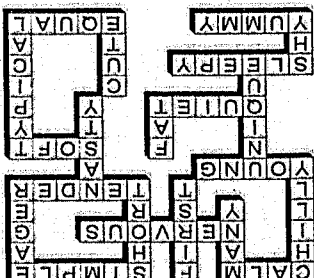
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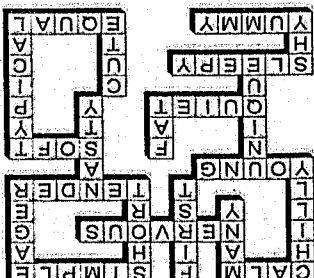
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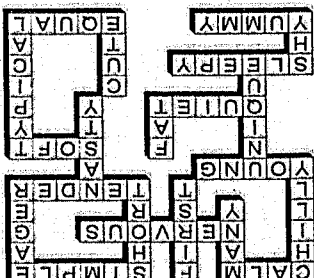
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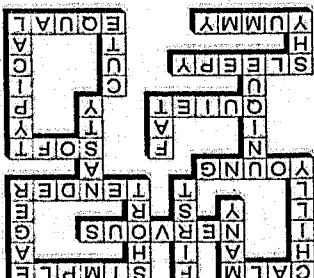
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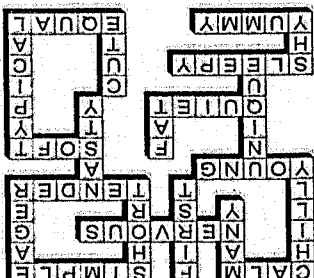
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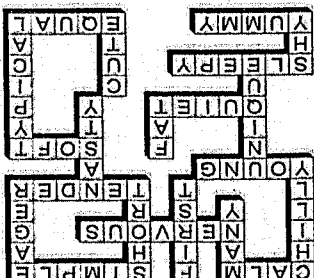
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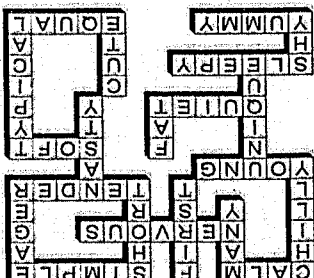
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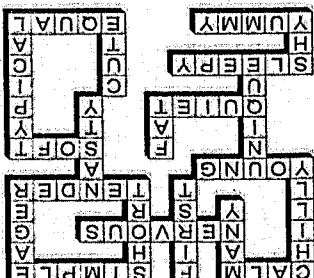
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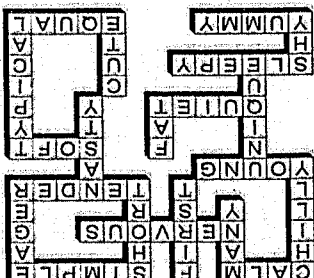
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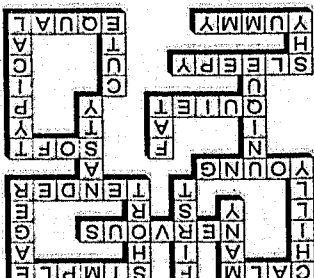
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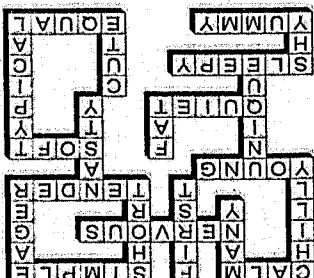
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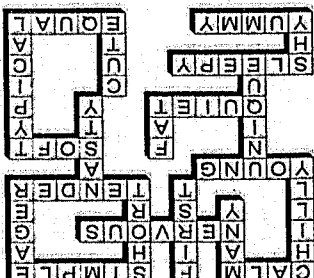
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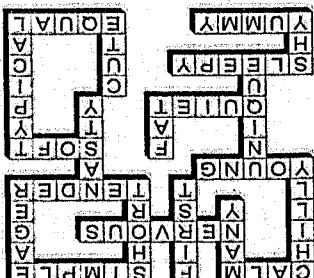
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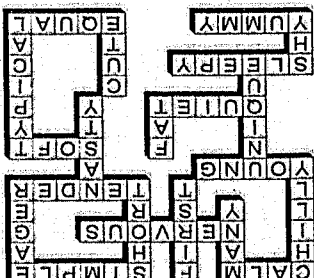
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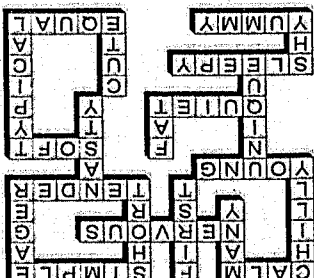
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Brick Church Receives Grant to Present "Chicken-Fried Sushi"

"Chicken-Fried Sushi?" When you hear a title like that, you know something interesting is going to happen. And when celebrated Japanese mime-storyteller Motoko and her African-American partner, the inimitable jazz vocalist-storyteller Eshu Bumpus, perform for adults, that something will be an amazing evening of intimate, multicultural theater.

Motoko and Eshu are funny, moving, musical, intriguing! Thanks to a New England States Touring Grant from the New England Foundation for the Arts, the internationally-acclaimed duo will be performing "Chicken-

Fried Sushi: Stories to Nourish Your Soul" at the Brick Church in Lovell on Thursday, July 31.

"We are a unique collaboration," they explain. "We're a combination of differences - different energies, different cultural backgrounds. What links us together is our love for music, for sharing stories, for bringing people together." In their shows for adults they sing together and trade stories that combine to portray a whole world. Eshu will tell, Motoko will drum; Motoko will tell (and mime), Eshu will play music. "I go for humorous stuff," says Motoko, "but my goal is to articulate a

sense of humanity," Eshu adds, "And we hope people will come away from the evening knowing that they, too, can tell stories."

Interested in theater and mime, Motoko came to the University of Massachusetts as an exchange student from Osaka, Japan, in the mid-1980s, and later studied with Tony Montanaro at Celebration Barn. Eshu grew up in a tough neighborhood in Roxbury, Mass.; drawn to the great libraries and museums of the Boston area and a gifted mentor to younger children, he read every folktale and myth he could find, finally coming to the African folklore that is now at the

heart of his repertoire.

Motoko and Eshu have been learning from each other, and performing together professionally, for more than 20 years in hundreds of schools, libraries, festivals and museums. Both have been showcased at the National Storytelling Festival. In 2012 they traveled to Senegal with a group of artists. In their show at the Brick Church they will include the story of their visit to Goree Island, the "point of no return" from which slave traders shipped Africans to the Americas, and Eshu will perform the very moving song he composed for and sang at Goree Island, "Land

Called Freedom."

In addition to their evening program for adults and older children, Motoko and Eshu will present a multicultural folktale program for children at the Charlotte Hobbs Library in Lovell on Friday, Aug. 1, from 10 to 11 a.m. Eshu and Motoko will perform at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 31, at the Brick Church for the Performing Arts on Christian Hill Road (just off Route 5) in Lovell. Tickets are available at the door: adults \$10, children 12 and under \$5. Refreshments will be served. For more information, go to www.lovellbrickchurch.org or call 207-925-1500.

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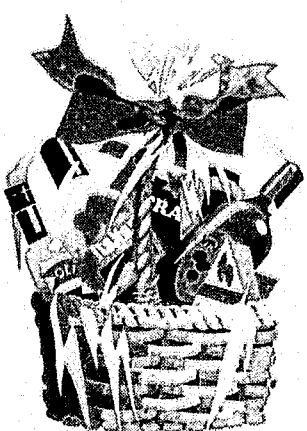
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Obituaries



FREDERICK A. LEIGHTON

Frederick "Rick" Alan Leighton passed away at his home in Enfield on Friday, July 18, surrounded by members of his loving family. Rick had lived with ocular melanoma and diabetes for several years, but finally admitted that two against one was not a fair fight and surrendered to his formidable foes after valiantly facing both with humor and all the while continuing to live life to its fullest.

Rick was born on Dec. 16, 1954, a son of Frederick "Dick" and Elizabeth "Betty" Leighton. He was raised in Enfield and attended schools in that area, graduating in 1974 from Penobscot Valley High School. Rick met his wife, soulmate and best friend, Brenda, when his sister, Rose, brought her best friend to Enfield for a weekend visit in November of 1976. Rick and Brenda were married in 1980 in her hometown of Paris, but chose to live in Enfield where they met. They built their own home there and raised two sons, Alan and Todd.

Over the years, Rick became well-known and respected throughout the area as a firefighter with the Howland and Lowell fire departments and a driver for the East Millinocket Ambulance Service. He was also employed by Enfield Public Works and served as one of the town's fire wardens for many years. The widespread admiration and respect for Rick was clearly evident recently through the outpouring of love and support demonstrated at a large and extremely successful spaghetti benefit on Rick's behalf. Firefighters, police and ambulance crews from several towns made this event possible; it was attended by many of these dedicated people as well as countless other caring friends and family members from around the state.

Rick was a fishing and hunting enthusiast who enjoyed numerous camping trips with family and friends. Admired as a master woodworker and carver, his walking sticks and other creations became gifts to many loved ones. Also, in his spare time, Rick enjoyed boating and fishing at the Leighton family camp on Cold Stream Pond or being with family members on Thunder Island on Sebago Lake. His presence around the campfire singing songs and telling jokes and at the grill as the chef serving breakfast sandwiches, homemade beef jerky and deep-fried turkey will be greatly missed. "Brenda and Rick" was a phrase spoken by many as the two were rarely apart; Rick had a particular knack for keeping a smile on Brenda's face - a smile which was contagious to those in the couple's presence.

Rick also traveled outside of Maine with his devoted wife. The two vacationed in several states, Mexico and Canada, exploring the attractions near their camper or the location of their annual timeshare in such places as Orlando, Fla., San Antonio, Texas; Las Vegas, Nev., Atlantic City, N.J., Virginia Beach, Va., and the Poconos. Most recently they traveled to Tennessee. Rick and Brenda also took a memorable cruise to the Caribbean, camped on Prince Edward Island, and vacationed in Mazatlan, Mexico.

Besides Brenda, his wife of 34 years, Rick is survived by their two sons, Alan Leighton and Todd Leighton and his companion, Whitney MacArthur; parents, Dick and Betty Leighton; sister, Rose (Leighton) and her husband, Olle Emery; brother, Danny Leighton and his wife, Suelen; his father and mother-in-law, Al and Mary-Alice Bancroft; sister-in-law, Leslie (Bancroft) and her husband, DJ Townsend; sisters-in-law, Kristi Bancroft and Holly Bancroft; brother-in-law, Mark Bancroft and his wife Angela; numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews; and many, many beloved friends.

Condolences may be expressed at www.clayfuneralhome.com.

A celebration of Rick's life will be held on Saturday, July 26, from 1 to 3 p.m. at Enfield Town Garage, Hammett Road, Enfield, Maine 04493.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to either the Howland Fire Department at P.O. Box 386, Howland, Maine 04448; the Lowell Fire Co., P.O. Box 166, Burlington, Maine 04417 or a special charity of your choice.



JOYCE R. LADD

Joyce R. Ladd, 78, of the Martin Road, Rumford, died Saturday, July 19, 2014 at the Ledgeview Living Center, West Paris.

She was born in Rumford on March 23, 1936, a daughter of Samuel and Ida Mae Raye, and graduated from Stephens High School in Rumford Class of 1956.

Joyce enjoyed shopping at Wal-Mart and loved spending time with her family, especially at Christmas time.

She was married at Rumford Point on July 1, 1956 to Arthur J. Ladd, Sr. who survives of Rumford. Other survivors include daughters Rhonda Elliott and companion Charles Brown of Rumford Point and Mary Ladd Lyons and husband Thomas of Jacksonville, Fla.; grandchildren Shelley Elliott of Rumford, Ashley Kessell of Augusta, Chantel Diotte of Jacksonville, Fla., Samantha Purcell of Indiana, Chloe Brown of Rumford Point, Nicholas and David Lyons of Jacksonville, Fla.; great-grandchildren Abby, Logan, Gena, Malachi, Brooke, Blake and Cora; a sister Marjorie "Boots" Milligan of Miami, Fla.; a special niece Dorothy Janace of Rumford and a special nephew Raymond Anctil of Massachusetts. The family wishes to send a very special thank

you to the Ledgeview Living Center and staff for the great care they provided to Joyce.

Friends are invited to sign the family guest book and share their thoughts, condolences and memories online at www.meadersandson.com.

Graveside services will be conducted 2 p.m. Sunday, July 27, 2014 at the Hanover Cemetery, Hanover, with Rev. Lawrence Shaw officiating. Those who desire, in lieu of flowers, please contribute to the Ledgeview Living Center 141 Bethel Road, West Paris, Maine 04289 in her memory. Arrangements are under the care of the Meader & Son Funeral Home, 3 Franklin Street, P.O. Box 537, Rumford, Maine 04276.

GLORIA FRAZER

Gloria J. Frazer, 77 of Woodstock, died July 21, 2014 in Norton, Mass. on June 14, 1937, the daughter of Eli and Jennie Flannigan Courbron and was educated in Norton schools. Gloria was a homemaker all her life and was married to her husband Frank Frazer for 58 years, living most of her life in the Norton, Mass. area moving to Woodstock 15 years ago.

She is survived by her husband Frank of Woodstock; one son Brian Frazer of Norton, Mass.; one daughter Diane Frazer of Woodstock and one granddaughter Monica Frazer of Woodstock.

Visiting hours will be held at the Woodstock Seventh-day Adventist Church, Perkins Valley Road, South Woodstock on Thursday, July 24, 2 to 4 p.m. Burial will be later in the Timothy Plain Cemetery in Norton, Mass.

Arrangements by Cliff Gray Cremation & Funeral Services, 60 Andrews Road, Bryant Pond.

SUSAN FARRAR SERVICE

A celebration of life for Susan Farrar will be held on Saturday, July 26 at 2 p.m. at the Bethel Alliance Church. Arrangements are under the care of Chandler Funeral Homes & Cremation Service, 45 Main Street, South Paris.

Births

TANNER JEFFREY LYLE HERRING

Jeffrey and Becky Herring of Bethel are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Tanner Jeffrey Lyle Herring, born on June 30, 2014 at 7:35 a.m. at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 pounds 7 ounces. Maternal grandparents are Lyle and Willie Cook of Ona, W.Va. Tanner joins a sister Tyline age 7.

TYLER JAMES OTTONE

Mandy and Phil Ottone of Newry are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Tyler James Ottone, born on July 2 at 3:09 a.m. at Rumford Hospital, weighing 7.5 pounds and measuring 21.5 inches. Grandparents are James Sysko of Newry and Gail Cutting of Mexico. Tyler joins a sister, Katelyn.

SIMON CHARLES HATCH

Prentice Hatch and Elizabeth White of Norway are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Simon Charles Hatch, born on June 30 at 9:57 a.m. at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 pounds 6 ounces. Maternal grandparents are Steven and Mary Beth Smith of Dundee, Iowa. Paternal grandparents are Janice Hatch of Mechanic Falls and Art and Kelly Hatch of Hebron. Simon joins two sisters, Cadence 9 and Onika 6 and two brothers, Jacob 14 and Thomas 7.

News from Mt. Abram

Mt. Abram has recently purchased a Norwood Lumbar 2000 band saw mill in order to selectively harvest resources from the mountain to start improving and development the base area infrastructure and mountain top buildings, according to a recent press release. Top on the list is construction of a large new slope side party deck, expansion of the ticket office, construction of a new snowmaking pump house and ultimately construction of a new base lodge.

The resort will work with local timber framing experts to put together some digital renderings for the new Base Lodge for everyone to look at this winter.

Repair work has begun on the Wayback Chair. After these repairs are completed, the chair will be good to go for another 20 years.

Mt. Abram has also been salvaging old snowmaking pipe from various parts of the mountain to continue with expanding snowmaking capacity on Lower Easy Rider. Last summer the mountain started laying pipe from the bottom of Lower Easy Rider, enabling snowmakers to put down a base on the lower section covering the large water bars and rocky sections. This summer and fall they are taking our extra pipe and positioning it at the top of Lower Easy Rider in order to have enough man made snow to be able to cover up the ice bubble in that area and ensure better connectivity between the Westside and the Main Mountain during early season and warm, dry weather patterns.

Mt. Abram will also add a second lane to the Tubing Hill to shorten wait times at the top of the mountain.

New for this fall Mt. Abram has teamed up with Baxter Outdoors to host the Mt. Abram Ascent Mountain Running Challenge on Sept. 6. The event will start at the base of the mountain and cross over to the Westside on a single track trail below Lower Easy Rider over to Skyline Drive. Runners will then climb to the top of the mountain via Upper Easy Rider, descend down Round A-Bout through Dwayne's Retreat back to the base area.

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